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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of Clement Pedersen Berge, a Norwegian subject, who died in Shanghai on the 24th of December 1939, are hereby requested to send in particulars thereof in writing to the Norwegian Consulate General, 2, Peking Road, Shanghai, on or before March 29, 1940. Any claim received after this date will be considered null and void.

Any persons indebted to the said estate should make payment to this Consulate General within the afore said time-limit.

Royal Norwegian Consulate General,
Shanghai, December 29, 1939.

T. KNUDTZON,
Consul-General.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5178.

COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL RATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Municipal Rate in respect of Chinese and Foreign houses for the quarter ending March 31, 1940, is due on January 1, 1940. Ratepayers are reminded that rates on foreign style buildings will not be called for by collectors but must be remitted to the Revenue Office, 209 Kiangse Road, by the concerned upon receipt of demand note.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5179.

LAND TAX

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Land Tax for the half-year ending June 30, 1940, is due on January 1, 1940:

Taxpayers are reminded that Land Tax will not be called for but must be remitted to the Revenue Office, 209 Kiangse Road, by the concerned upon receipt of demand note.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5180.

BICYCLE LICENCES

During the period January 3 to 27, inclusive, Bicycle licences for the year 1940 will be issued at the undermentioned places:—

Administration Building, (Revenue Office) 209 Kiangse Road.
Bubbling Well Police Station, 172 Yu Yuen Road.
Chengtu Road Police Station, 360 Chengtu Road.
Gordon Road Police Station, 511 Gordon Road.
Hongkew Police Station, 260 Minghong Road.
Louza Police Station, 645 Ningpo Road.
Sinza Police Station, 279 Avenue Road.
Temporary Branch Licensing Office, 528 Muirhead Road.
Yangtszepoo Police Station, 2049 Pingliang Road.

From January 29 onwards Bicycle licences will be issued from the Administration Building, Temporary Branch Licensing Office (at Muirhead Road) and Gordon Road Police Station only.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5181.

PRIVATE RICSHA LICENCES

Licensees are reminded that applications for the renewal of Private Ricsha licences for the half-year ending June 30, 1940, should be made to the Vehicle Inspection Office, rear of Gordon Road Police Station, No. 557 Gordon Road, not later than January 19. Applications received after that date will be allotted a new licence number entailing the payment of $0.55 registration fee in addition to the usual licence fee.

From January 22 onwards Private Ricsha licences will be issued at the Ricsha Inspection Depot, 808 Seymour Road, next to Gordon Road Police Kennels.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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Change of Address, etc.

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To-day's Events

DECEMBER

29 Limbless Fund, Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
29 Rover Ball at Masonic Hall, sponsored by 7th Shanghai Rovers, 8.30
29 Sun Yat-sen elected President (1911)
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29 Lin Sen elected Chairman of National Government (1931)

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30 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
30 Municipal Orchestra, 12th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15

JANUARY, 1940

3 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
3 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
4 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
5 Reel Club, Annual General Meeting and Practice, Cricket Club, 9
5 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 3
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 9.15
9 A.W.C.: Wm. Blackstone, baritone, 4.45
9 For. Y. Lecture: 'Chinese War Finances and Currency,' by Mr. E. Kann
9 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9
10 K.D.S. mtg., 1292 Joffre, tea 4.30, bus. 5.15
10 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 B.W.A. Classical Concert, 5.30
11 'Night in Moulin Rouge' by G. Gilbert, Light Opera, Lyc., 8.45
12 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
13 'Night in Moulin Rouge,' L.O., Lyc., 8.45
14 'Night in Moulin Rouge,' L.O., Lyc, 8.45
15 For. Y. Lecture, 'Elementary Photography,' by Mr. R. V. Dent, F.R.D.S., F.R.M.S.
15 For. Y. Lecture, "Elementary Photography" by Mr. R. V. Dent, F.R.D.S., F.R.M.S.
16 A.W.C.: Miss Peterson on 'India,' 4.45

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NOTIFICATION No. 5182.

HANDCART, TROLLEY CART AND DELIVERY TRICYCLE OR TRAILER LICENCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that licences for Handcarts and Trolley Carts for the quarter ending March 31, 1940, and Delivery Tricycle or Trailer licences for the year ending December 31, 1940, will be issued at the new Licence Issuing Office, Vehicle Inspection Compound, No. 557 Gordon Road, commencing Thursday, December 28, 1939.

The annual inspection of Carts licensed to carry up to 500 lb. (iron-tyred) and 750 lb. (pneumatic-tyred) maximum will be carried out at the Ricsha Inspection Depot, 808 Seymour Road, and licences in respect of such vehicles will be issued only on presentation of the Inspection Certificate.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5184.

FREIGHT VEHICLE LICENCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from July 1, 1940, the following new condition will be inserted in the Public and Private Motor Freight Vehicle Licences and the Public and Private Freight Trailer Licences:—

"The vehicle shall be equipped with detachable sides of at least three feet in height when carrying loosely baled cotton or other loosely packed commodities."

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5185.

PRIVATE HOTELS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, with effect from January 1, 1940, foreign boarding houses, apartment buildings and other establishments to which the public are not admitted and which are operated in foreign style with ten or more bedrooms providing accommodation to registered residents with or without food or alcoholic or other drink will be licensed under the conditions of a new licence to be known as the Private Hotel Licence.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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SHANGHAI FOREIGN EXCHANGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION SHANGHAI

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The Member Banks of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 1, 2 and 3, 1940, on account of the above.

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E. H. PARROTT,
Secretary.

December 28, 1939. 13202

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After the close of business on December 31, 1939 the debentures then outstanding will be binding obligations of the said Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A., without the necessity of any endorsement thereon or other formality. However, should debenture holders so desire they may present their debentures at the offices of Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A., 232 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, and have an endorsement placed thereon recording the above mentioned assumption of liabilities by Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A., in place of Shanghai Telephone Company.

C. D. LONGHURST,
Comptroller and Asst. Secretary.

Shanghai, December 28, 1939.

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NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS

HOLIDAY NOTICE

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"The Pope's Speech":

Moral Courage Admired

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to read your editorial on "The Pope's Speech," today. I perfectly agree with you that no matter whether people will listen to truth or not, the world needs people who have courage to say things which are right.

I am not a Catholic, but I admire the Pope's moral and spiritual courage in voicing that which is right. What is demanded of everybody in the world today is a passion to carry out into uncompromising practice what he believes to be absolutely true.

Somehow, the trend of the day has been a call to return to God and to those simple truths which we have learned long ago but have forgotten. I am reminded of Roger Babson's statement, which he made in Shanghai in September, this year. Said he:

The troubles of today are the natural consequences of ignoring God's laws. If we could continue to ignore these and still enjoy peace, then there would be no need for churches and religions. Hence those of us who believe in God and are students of history should expect war to continue until there is a spiritual awakening. In short, before this world can progress more materially, it must "catch up" spiritually. Physical rearmament must be at least matched—if not substituted—by Moral Re-Armament.

J. T.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

Friends of Finland :

The Association's Thanks

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Permit me to express on behalf of the Finnish Association in China our feelings of deep gratitude and satisfaction for the moral support shown and the splendid financial assistance forthcoming from the Shanghai public in connection with the Friends of the Finland Fund.

We like to think that Finland is now fighting, not only for her own existence, but is defending the sacred principles of Liberty and Freedom—the two greatest symbols of Western civilization. The enthusiastic response on the part of this great international city is indeed indicative, coming as it does in the dark hours of affliction through which our little country is now passing.

G. V. SYNNERBERG.
Chairman Finnish Association in China.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Douglas Fairbanks, Typical Hero

Famous Star Bounded His Way to Success; His Three Marriages

Douglas Fairbanks (whose death was announced recently) brought to the screen the typical boy's hero, who could swing a sword, scale a wall, carry the heroine across impossible leaps and wear the broadest smile, writes a London film correspondent.

"The Three Musketeers," "Robin Hood," "Don Juan" "The Thief of Bagdad," "Don Q, Son of Zorro," "The Black Pirate," "The Gaucho"—these are just a few of his films. D'Artagnan was probably his best character.

On screen and in life he bounded to success. He lived and worked at full pitch. In middle age he still retained the figure of a boy.

Leaping Through Life

"Resist ecerything that tends to make you soft and satisfied," was his rule. "I was born in a Leap Year," he once said, "and when I was two years old I leaped from the roof of the coal shed while my nurse's back was turned, and have continued to leap ever since from one calling to another and from one country to another."

He was a skilful boxer, a good swimmer and polo player, and an excellent horseman. Golf was one of his favourite sports. Fencing was another.

Surname was Ullman

The man the world knew as "Doug." was born in Denver, Colorado. Ullman, not Fairbanks, was his surname. He started his stage career as a Shakespearian player in the company of Frederick Warde, a friend of his father, who had made him study Shakespeare's works for an hour every day. He learned speeches from "Hamlet" and "Othello," but he got no bouquets.

Indeed, after playing Cassio and Laertes in the town of Duluth, he read this criticism in a local newspaper: "Mr. Warde's supporting company was bad, but worst of all was Douglas Fairbanks." In 1911 he was acting in "The Lights o' London."

Start of Film Career

A meeting wit D. W. Griffith was the turning-point in his career. In 1914 Griffith asked him to appear in a film, "The Lamb." In it a rattlesnake crawled all over him, he tackled a mountain lion and operated a machine-gun—a foretaste of the lively adventures that were to follow in his later productions.

Doug. climbed the heights of stardom, and then turned to the production side of films, where he soon acquired as leading a position. He made his last film, "The Private Life of Don Juan," about four years ago in England.

His Three Marriages

Douglas Fairbanks was married three times. His first wife was Miss Beth Sully, the mother of Douglas Fairbanks, junior. His marriage to Mary Pickford, whose real name was Gladys Smith, was Hollywood's most famous union.

They married secretly in 1920, four weeks after Miss Pickford's divorce from Owen Moore (who died several months ago). They built a luxurious home and named it "Pickfair," and they made one picture together, "The Taming Of The Shrew," which was not a pronounced success. There was a time when they ruled Hollywood socially.

Host to the Duke of Kent

In September, 1929, the Duke of Kent, then Prince George, and other officers of H.M.S. Durban, went to a ball at "Pickfair." "Doug and Mary" were happy together for nearly 14 years, and then Fairbanks started off alone on hunting trips. In England he was feted by society, and he met his third wife, Lady Ashley.

Douglas Fairbanks was the corespondent cited by Lord Ashley in his divorce case in London. Douglas Fairbanks and Lady Ashley were married after the divorce decree was made absolute. Mary Pickford, after obtaining a divorce, married Buddy Rogers.

Next to Charlie Chaplin, Doug. was the best known of all the silent film stars—and the most successful financially. He earned millions.

Douglas Fairbanks was short. The impression that he was taller was achieved by casting only actors of a certain height in his pictures and by careful calculation of scenery proportions. As actors go he could not claim high rank. But he had a vitality second to none on the screen.

Gold Prospectors to Go to Formosa

Six Parties Formed Early Next Year

Taihoku, Dec. 28.

With the view of making investigations on the entire island, six gold prospecting parties will be formed early next year on Formosa, it was announced here today.

Decision to make a wide-sweeping survey was reached after a report was filed with the Government-General of Formosa by Dr. Hidenosuke Sano, Professor of Mining in the Tokyo Imperial University. The report declared that a large amount of alluvial gold was deposited not only in the Doyon dunes along the Takkiri River, but also in other dunes throughout the Island of Formosa. The six prospecting parties will make investigations in Western Formosa and along Daidokusui, Takkiri and Mokusoh rivers.

Between now and the departure of the prospecting parties, a study will be made of cost of mining gold in Formosa on a commercial basis. This study will embrace an investigation of topographical conditions, means of transportation and food supplies.

Dr. Sano based his report to the Government General of Formosa on a tour he and his party made recently in the Takkiri River area.—Domei.

Private Persons Barred From Exploiting Oil

Law Drafted by President Of Mexico

Mexico City, Dec. 28.

The Mexican Government has approved a law drafted by President Cardenas, which excludes private individuals, excepting Mexicans with certain qualifications, from exploiting oil.

The law also abolished oil royalties hitherto paid to landowners, but provides for compensation for damage caused to property through the working of oil.

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Pact With Russia Symbolic of Drift Towards Communism; Average German Shocked

"MAKE no mistake," said one of the most brilliant of German women the other day, "what we are witnessing here is something that far transcends the fate of the National Socialist Party or of Germany alone. It is a vast convulsion of all society, comparable only to the French Revolution, and in my judgment it will go on until there are mighty changes."

The speaker has long known Adolf Hitler well, writes Oswald Garrison Villard, an American, in a series of articles on "Germany Today" in the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post." "Hitler himself is only a medium who may be reaching the end of his leadership," she went on. "Indeed, I am not sure that as a party the Nazis have not already shot their bolt. But the levelling process of this revolution will go on and cannot be stopped, whether the war goes on or peace returns."

She then added that the coming together of Germany and Russia was precisely what was to have been expected and that those elemental forces are exactly akin. There is much to be said for this point of view. One cannot be in Germany long without feeling that there is a vital power at work. It is impossible to question the fact that the organizing ability developed by the Hitler Government is beyond anything that has so far been seen. On every hand there is evidence of the amazing creative urge of the Nazi revolution. It manifests itself in innumerable ways, perhaps the most striking being the reconstruction of Berlin itself.

Awakening Misdirected

Other newspaper observers besides myself have been puzzled to whom to attribute the magnitude of the undertaking and the speed of accomplishment. It seems to be beyond any other explanation than that it is a mass achievement, however great the impulse which may have been given by Hitler himself; that this is all but another phase of a human overturn which began on August 1, 1914, and the end of which no man can foresee.

The dreadful pity of it is that this great awakening, if such it is, has been so thoroughly misdirected and that it has progressed over the bodies and souls of innumerable human beings and has been inimical to everything that Anglo-Saxons think worth while in life.

My friend was right. The Russians and the Germans of the Nazis should and will come together. Economists have long pointed out that the twilight zone between these two totalitarian systems was steadily decreasing. Both have been alike from the start in their blood-thirstiness, the crass brutality of their power, their utter ruthlessness. Nazi Germany has not built such great cities as Magnetogorsk, nor such great water-power plants as have the Russians, but the need for them was not there.

Now that the Russian foreign policy has become exactly as immoral, as murderous, as anti-social as that of Hitler's Germany, their similarity becomes still more apparent. The very language of the utterances of the new imperialism of Molotov and Stalin is so exactly that of Berlin that one wonders whether the Nazi writers of State papers and speeches have not moved to Moscow, or whether in the Kremlin they are merely the most faithful of copyists.

Drabness of Life

Moreover, the aspect of German humanity has changed. The proletariansing process was plainly at work when I was last in Berlin in 1931. Now I found myself involuntarily saying again and again as I walked the streets: "This is Russia, and not Berlin!"

The shabbiness of the clothing suggests it, the drabness of life; the high boots worn by so many women; the pale, unhealthy colour as well as the gloomy sombreness of the masses. It has been a levelling down, not up, so far. Of course, I did not go where the rich and well-to-do still congregate—if there are such places. I saw none of the gorgeous, colourful, banner-flaunting Nazi ceremonies. I only know that I found myself rather in sympathy with a life-long friend who said to me when I declared that German Communism would be complete in five years: "What are you saying? It is here now."

I did not find a single important business man, banker or economist who was not of the opinion that the Communization of Germany is inevitable as long as Hitler remains in power. Some officials and party-members pooh-poohed this, and made the astonishing statement that the German masses would never go Communist—astonishing because Hitler rose to power by declaring that he was saving Germany from the Communists and that only the Nazis could do it.

Taxes and Taxes

It was easy to point out to these inconsistent Nazis that Communism may come from above as well as from below; that they have created a totalitarian machine and set it in motion along a fixed track; that they believed that they can stop it whenever they wish to, but that they will not be able to stop it until it reaches the end of the line—unless they reverse the whole totalitarian policy of their government and their insistence upon building a State of warriors armed as no other country has been.

The coming of the war has, of course, speeded up the interference of the State in almost every form of activity. When one reads that the Government has fixed a tariff for the cost of every repair of every motor-car of standard make now being built in Germany, one gets an idea how far this regulation of industrial life has gone. The big business men assured me that the State could take over their businesses with the greatest ease tomorrow if the conduct of the war demanded it. "With prices, costs, wages and profits fixed by the State and our production entirely regulated by it, we are merely managers and nothing else."

Business men live, moreover, in dread of confiscatory taxes or a capital levy by January or February next if the war goes on. Already a company must earn a profit of 100,000 marks in order to pay taxes and have 10,000 marks left for its shareholders.

Need for Foreign Currency

Since the government completely controls and distributes raw materials and fixes the priority of the division of such materials, its stranglehold upon industry is obvious. Yet these embattled industrials are positive, as I have said, that the Government could manage to keep the machine going however long the war might last. The great outstanding question to be answered remains however: "How can Germany get the necessary foreign currency and gold to pay for the things that she must have?"

One hears a great deal said about secret hoards of gold and the extraordinary skill with which the barter and exchange system is carried on. But no one whom I saw believed that Germany could give Russia sufficient of what Russia wants to make unnecessary large payments in currency. Russia's own finances are not too easy and, excellent as is the bargain that Stalin has driven, no one believes for a moment that his sudden love of the Nazis is such that he will give them what they want on credit or for nothing, especially as he knows that, if the Allies win the war, the Nazi government will collapse.

I was reliably told in Berlin that when Schacht was asked how Germany could possibly finance the war, he threw up his hands and said that he did not know how it could be done. The harder the German Government struggles with this problem the more it will be compelled to dominate and control industrial life.

In shaking hands with Stalin and releasing the Communists from the concentration camps Hitler has debarred himself from continuing the persecution of German followers of Lenin and Marx. He cannot send Germans to prison any more without trial merely because they advocate the very same thing for which his Russian partner stands. Just as he has thrown the Baltic States open to Russian propaganda by letting Russia dominate them and place large garrisons upon their soil, so he has tied his own hands.

I heard the question raised in Berlin whether it would be possible hereafter to exclude Communist books from the Berlin bookshops. Certainly it would seem as if the Communists might now come out of hiding and even hold meetings in praise of Hitler and his allying himself with a man he so recently called the scum of humanity.

Utter Hypocrisy

Meanwhile, the average German has been shocked by this complete overturn into realizing the utter hypocrisy, or, to put it more politely, the complete adaptability of the Hitler doctrines and philosophies. That will not comfort him when he sees Bolshevik agents travelling round Germany, just as the Adlon Hotel in Berlin is, as I write, full of Russian officials and the employees of the various Russian Commissions.

If no alliance with Russia had come to pass, the inevitable development of the war would still have driven the country rapidly along the lines of Communism.

If anyone should point out that even in the last war there was great interference with private business, yet the Government did not continue in that direction to any serious degree after 1918, the reply is that the governors of Germany after the fall of the Kaiser were right-wing Socialists and not advocates of totalitarian doctrines. Moreover, there was no such currency situation as exists today.

I have seen a very careful study of the present methods of Nazi domestic finances from the pen of a neutral observer in Berlin. He thinks that if the Germans do not sustain a military defeat and if there is no unexpected collapse, they will be able to finance themselves, so far as their internal needs are concerned—this without reference to the question of purchasing abroad. Should the Nazis win, he thinks that they will simply cancel a large part of the debts owed to their own people, a proceeding that would hardly please the managers of the banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions that are now loaded up with government promises to pay.

It is the realization of these dangers, in addition to those already enumerated, that makes the German business men the most ardent advocates of an early peace to be found in Germany. They know what price Germany must pay in the wastage of precious raw materials, in the piling of huge debts upon the already swollen debt-structure, but most of all they fear, with reason, that the totalitarian régime will lurch faster and faster toward the complete nationalization of German life and the forfeiture of all private property.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

By Olive Dun

London, Nov. 20.

The King and Queen dropped in at Drury Lane the other afternoon where concert parties were rehearsing before going out to entertain the troops. They went on the stage, talked with the comedians, stage carpenters and electricians, heard the war songs old and new, were shown the mysteries of scenic management, and heard the legend of the Drury Lane ghost, which is a tall grey figure in 18th century riding dress: some of the company vowed they had seen it as lately as last March.

"A taste for the music hall and the Gaiety bar" grows rapidly. Last night there were the King and Queen at the Coliseum, with the Dukes of Gloucester and Kent and their Duchesses, and all joining lustily in the chorus of "Run, Rabbit, Run." Of course the visit was immensely popular. And now that Royalty has shown that one need not fear to venture out at night to the theatre, we are hoping that the Minister of Securities will soon allow more theatres to open and till later hours.

In anticipation of that happy day one sees that chorus girls are agitating for higher wages. They say they can't keep fit for their job at less than £4.10s. a week; the present maximum is around £3.10s. Considering the amount of physical exertion they take, the endless changing and making-up, and all the rehearsals, £4.10s. isn't much. I hope they get it. They deserve much better of the public than many people who have inserted themselves in more highly paid and less onerous jobs.

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Those Vital Statistics

Now that we are all preparing ourselves for war's privations, of which indeed there is little evidence yet, it is a comfort to know that the nation's health is improving and the birth rate definitely moving up. Last year, according to the annual report of the Ministry of Health, there were 621,284 births in England and Wales, which was 10,647 more than in the year before.

Since 1935 the number of births per thousand of the population has been steadily improving, the figures from 1935-38 inclusive being 14.7, 14.8, 14.9, 15.1. Of course this looks poor compared with the average of 35.4 between 1871-80. But as an answer to the Jeremiahs who have been telling us that in another 50 years there won't be 5,000,000 people in Great Britain it is consoling.

Meanwhile nervous breakdowns, due to the speed and pressure at which we live, are a new problem, and cancer was for some reason worse last year. Other familiar scourges, notably tuberculosis, were very much less fatal, and there was a welcome drop in infant mortality.

Naturally these facts will make no difference to the Jeremiahs. They will merely shift their ground. Already they are telling us that the present war will leave victors and vanquished alike entirely ruined to eke out a wretched existence on such vegetables as they can grow amid the wreckage of their former splendour. It will be no use trying to manufacture anything because no one here or anywhere else will have any money with which to buy.

The odd thing is that world upheavals never really turn out like that. There are periods of want and inconvenience. When the Popes were at Avignon, St. Peter's in Rome was for some time half roofless, and animals grazed on the grass between its pavements. But each new generation takes up its own problems and solves them in its own way. There is nothing so indestructible as the will for living. So, "Tush" for the Jeremiahs, as the contemporaries of the first one may have said.

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Good Old Gretna

Talking of indestructible things, that impossibly resistant institution, Gretna Green, has escaped again. As I mentioned months ago, everyone in authority in England and Scotland—it is just inside the latter on the North Road, but is chiefly kept going by runaways from England—was agreed that it must be abolished. The Marriage (Scotland) Act of 1939 was to ensure its demise after January 1, 1940.

This act could not be completed last summer, owing to the pressure of work in Parliament; and now the war has put it onto the shelf with much other projected legislation. So the blacksmith of Gretna smiles as he continues to sit by his anvil awaiting the love-lorn.

Yet the war which prolongs his business in one way may destroy it in another. There are, as always in war, more marriages than ever, and all despatched in double quick time. But special licences can be bought and parents and guardians are sympathetic in these days, and why go all the way to Gretna with so many churches just round the corner?

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Married To A Furriner

The war has helped in part to remove one most just cause of grievance, by enabling British women who are married to one class of aliens to recover their British nationality. But this only applies to the wives of foreigners who are passed as harmless and allowed to live and move about as they please. Numbers of Germans have been put under close restriction; among them are said to be many agents of the Gestapo who came here "before the war" posing as refugees. British wives of such men must remain aliens.

To the non-official mind it seems that these women may be precisely the ones who would like to become British again, and without any malignant intention. At least each case might surely be judged on its merits. But it is something to have broken down the wall as far as it has been. The last war gave women the vote. Perhaps this one will give them the right to retain their nationality on marrying a foreigner, as laid down in Lord Alness's Bill.

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Anxiety About Clothes

The question of what women should wear in the evening to which I have alluded once or twice lately is being taken very seriously by the trade. A meeting was held recently in London of representatives of wholesale, retail and textile trades to discuss the growth of casualness in women's dress. One speaker said that "a large number of women seemed to think a boiler suit or a pair of slacks was a suitable mode of dress for all occasions." This is quite true and more among girls who are not doing some war work than among those who are. I may be old-fashioned but I do think trousers are the most unbecoming form of clothing a girl can put on—and why she should be allowed to wear them, when a man in woman's dress would be arrested, passes comprehension.

Another speaker spoke of the importance of exports, and said that 35 German fashion houses had recently given "model" shows in Copenhagen, Oslo and other northern towns. It is notorious that the small neutral nations adjoining Germany are very uncomfortably situated. But if their womenfolk allow German fashions to be thrust upon them, they must truly be in a parlous state. For by common consent German women are easily the worst dressed in Europe.

Everyone at the meeting was agreed with the chairman that "if women allowed themselves to drift into dowdiness, there would be unexpected consequences." But one may be confident that women will do no such thing. We were all a bit unhinged at the beginning of the war. But sanity is reasserting itself, as shown by the renewed dressmakers' advertisements in newspapers, and the catalogues which come in by the daily post.

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A Good Story

I don't deal in politics, as I have often remarked, but the latest invention of the German radio is too good not to be mentioned. It described in detail how the night before last a huge fleet of German aeroplanes had flown all over London, coming down so low that the panic-stricken Londoners thought their chimneys would be hit. The British anti-aircraft guns were quite useless, said the radio, not a single aeroplane was so much as winged.

All one can say is that Londoners must have been sleeping like the Seven Sleepers, for no one noticed either the aeroplanes or the guns.

But do the Germans, once supposed to be rather practical people, really believe such bosh?

Excessive Sandbagging

Sandbag-making has become a home industry, and sacking is now being sold everywhere for people to make their own bags in place of fancy-work. The distribution of sandbags is, however, somewhat erratic, some people thinking that the mere sight of a bag of sand is going to protect their house while other people sandbag even the toolhouse.

The most curious instance of sandbagging is perhaps in a cemetery on the outskirts of London. Here the cemetery chapel has been sandbagged almost up to the roof so that not an opening shows. In addition it has two uniformed attendants always on guard, as if they were part of relays of fire wardens. During the last war placards with legends "Your country calls you" or "Wake up, England!" were placed on the railings outside a well-known cemetery. Besides that the sandbagging of the cemetery chapel itself seems academic.

Women in Uniform

The Mistake of Trousers

It is a pleasure, says "H" in "The Manchester Guardian," to see many of the women's new uniforms, if only because women's trousers are not inevitable, and, further, because they are smart and neat and lacking in the untidiness which some women are demonstrating to show that they know there is a war. The trousers habit may be suitable for air raids, since trousers are warm and may prevent many women from getting pneumonia. There is also nothing against trousers for women as such, except perhaps that, being the ugliest garment ever invented for men, they have thrice this disadvantage for women. That Alexander thought of trousers when he first saw the back view of an elephant does not mean that elephant-wear is suited for all and sundry. Nor does the addition of the several accessories adopted by women do anything to mitigate features which consist of all the lines in the wrong place. That women should wear a long coat with trousers might be to dissimulate them; it cannot be regarded as elegant. That they should leave their hair untidily on their shoulders makes them look like horrid, overgrown little boys. Their small feet make their legs look like dolls' legs, and the tightness at the back only emphasizes the fact that trousers are ugly, anyhow, and should be worn solely for utilitarian purposes. It is unfortunate that the sex element should be mixed in with the trousers habit and that protests against them are so often considered another injustice to women.

The Queen And Evacuated Children

Queen Elizabeth has paid a visit to an evacuation school at Horsted Keynes, Sussex, where children from Battersea are accommodated. She is watching one of the little ones bath her doll.

Father Christmas Driving Home?

No, it isn't Father Christmas—the photograph was taken in Finland where the reindeer, Father Christmas's own special steeds, are actually used for transport over the snow. The Finns also travel on skis behind a swiftly moving reindeer. Today these—to us—almost fairy-story modes of travelling are being used in stern earnest in Finland's most gallant struggle for the cause of liberty.

Britain's Women At War

No. I Women's Auxiliary Air Force (W.A.A.F.)

By Daphne Clare

The three fighting services of Great Britain—the Army, Navy and Air Force—today have a women's organization attached to them for the carrying out of tasks that are better done by women but have hitherto been done by men. Women of all ages from 18 to 43, and from all classes of the community, have been enthusiastic to join up and the services have had more offers than they can accept. As the war machine gets going, however, more women will be absorbed and recruiting for women's branches in the Army and Air Force will be opened again shortly.

So far as uniforms go the Air Force makes easily the biggest appeal to women. "Air Force Blue" is an easier colour to wear than khaki, is softer and a little less severe than navy. Plain black shoes, gunmetal stockings, a blue shirt and black tie with a feminine version of a officer's cap, are becoming to most women.

Since it was first formed in the early part of this year the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, known everywhere as the W.A.A.F. has enrolled thousands of girls from every kind of occupation that might be useful to the service. Their jobs are exclusively on the Home Front but here they release the same number of men for active service.

The girls do not get any occupational training. They simply do for the Air Force the same jobs they did in civil life. But they are given a short training when they first enrol to accustom them to military discipline and, where necessary, to adapt their knowledge to military purposes.

The rank and file of the women's corps include typists, clerks, cooks, motor drivers, telephonists, girls who can work teleprinters, assistants who have worked in a dentist's surgery, and a long list of other occupations.

How They Live

Drafted to aerodromes all over the country they live under the same sort of discipline as the men. As far as possible they are not housed in barracks, because girls do not take to institutional life as easily as men. They like to have a little "place of their own" in which they can take a personal interest.

Accommodation has, of course, to be according to what is available. Sometimes they are given "married quarters"—the houses near an aerodrome which the men and their families occupy at normal times. Sometimes they are billeted in houses in the village. At one aerodrome I visited, the girls were living eight to a house and were very happy.

Their daily routine is: up at 7.15 a.m., wash, dress, do their rooms, and parade for breakfast at 8 a.m., each girl carrying a mug and a knife, fork and spoon. The "mugs" are often very pretty dainty cups, begged from home or bought in the cheap stores. Half an hour for breakfast, served in the "mess" at tables, sometimes plain wood, sometimes enamelled topped.

After breakfast a quarter of an hour is allowed for them to wash up their own cups and cutlery and put them away. This means a quick return to their quarters, a hurried powdering of noses and then off to work.

Hours vary according to the requirements of the job they are doing. They may be on in a straight run if the work is of that nature or they may have broken time if the job demands it. They work as long as they are wanted but generally most of them are free in the evenings.

How They Work

The girls look after their own rooms and take a great pride in them. Orderlies clean the communal rooms, stairs, etc. At work small groups of girls will be found dispersed all over the station. Mess orderlies, for example, really do the work of waitresses in the officers' mess. They are replacing men for this job at some aerodromes and are very satisfactory. They work in undress uniforms of blue overall, blue blouse and black tie, grey stockings and black shoes.

Kitchen orderlies help the men in the kitchens. Kitchens are not yet staffed exclusively by women but eventually they will be. "Aircraftswomen" (that is the rank equivalent to a private in the army) with experience in civilian cooking are having special training in cooking for the R.A.F. and as they become thoroughly competent they will replace men in taking charge of kitchens.

Typists are attached to the staff offices and do secretarial work. On the clerical side there are all sorts of jobs. Enrolling new volunteers, making out pay sheets, keeping the mess accounts. Telephone operators work the station switchboard.

In the store department they learn how to fit men out with every kind of kit including that needed in the tropics. R.A.F. men when they go to hot climates go into khaki. Although uniforms are kept in the depot in 40 different sizes they often need adjustment and the aircraftswoman working there must see that the tailor kept on the spot to do these jobs has done them satisfactorily before the clothes are issued.

Clothing, blankets, new boots and boots for repair, ammunition belts, overcoats, and every part of equipment come under her jurisdiction.

If she is a clerk in the store she has to learn to keep complicated records of everything that goes out or comes in.

Some Various Jobs

A dental orderly's job is to wait on the squadron's dentist while he is at work in the surgery, just as she would in civil life. The sick quarters' attendant assists the doctor in a similar way when he is examining recruits or men reported sick.

She also attends any of the W.A.A.F.'s in the sick bay. She is not trained and does no real nursing. If a girl is really ill she is sent out to hospital at once. But if she has just some slight ailment, say, a cold which is bad enough to keep her in bed but is not serious, the medical orderly will wait on her, bring her meals and generally look after her.

Other girls, detailed to garage work, wash down cars and lorries and make themselves generally useful on the transport side. Some are being trained in running repairs. Some are detailed to drive cars and lorries used to transport either men or goods.

Women drivers are attached to the Air Ministry and drive officials about London and into the country when they make journeys on Ministry business. Titled women are among those doing duty in the ranks in this capacity. Lady Rossmore who is over 40 is one of them. Elizabeth Cowell, known so well as the first girl announcer for television, is another who is on this duty.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Seaforths and Details to Combine Against Club

Three Rugger Matches Arranged for This Week-end; Marines Meet Club "B"; Police Tackle Tung Wen

THE rugby schedule for the coming week-end features but three matches, and though the schedule is inclined to be on the short side, the matches that have been arranged are such that they are certain to attract large crowds. In what should be the most interesting game of the three, a Club "A" XV will meet a Combined Seaforth Highlanders—Area Details team. The Club, due to several first team players being unable to put in an appearance, will not be at full strength, but a more than useful side has been got together and the odds are that the civilians will gain the day. This game will start at 3 p.m. on Saturday with Mr. E. McLaren refereeing.

Earlier on this year, the Club's senior XV handily defeated the then unbeaten Seaforth Highlanders and though the Scots are likely to be reinforced by the addition of the Area Detail exponents, they will have to show surprising form to defeat their rivals.

The Combined team are likely to have such sterling performers as Crew, Newton, Evans, Hall, Hewetson and Hamlin and with the remainder probably drawn from the Highlanders, the fifteen will take a great deal of beating, but the Club outsides, apart from Mair, who replaces Dickson, will probably prove to be the thorn in the Combined side.

The Club backs are now showing up well together, they have pace, they handle well and in the main, their defence is good. One or two of them still need a little more practice in making that extra yard when receiving the ball.

The Club pack, half first and half second team players, provides an interesting experiment and should they be able to hold their own against their adversaries and get the ball back with any degree of regularity, the Seaforths-Details' defence is going to have a very busy afternoon.

Club "B" v. Marines

At the same time on the adjoining pitch, a Club "B" XV engages a U.S. Marine side. The Club team is a weak one but in view of the circumstances attending the selection of this week's fifteens, this is a point that cannot be helped. If the "Leathernecks" turn out a representative 2nd team then the game should be fairly close, but if the senior American side takes the field, then the result will be a foregone conclusion in favour of the Marines, who will probably cross their opponents' line with monotonous frequency.

In the only game arranged for Sunday, Tung Wen College will endeavour to maintain their run of successes by defeating the gradually improving Police XV.

This encounter, which will begin at 3 p.m., is likely to prove much closer than at first glance. According to reports, the Japanese collegians' have had their full strength depleted somewhat by the Christmas holidays, but they are still likely to be a little too strong for the lawmen. The Police, who showed up so well last Sunday against the Club 2nd XV, are slowly getting into stride once again and with the inclusion of two or three of their former better known players, might well hold their nimble-footed opponents to a very low score.

Rounding out the holiday programme, is the tentative suggestion that an International Match will be played on Tuesday, January 2. No details are yet to hand, but it is learned that efforts are being made to hold this match while the opportunity is so favourable. Further details will be published in these columns in due course.

SATURDAY

3 p.m.—S.R.U.F.C. "A" XV *v.* Seaforths and Area Details XV. Referee: E. Mclaren.

3 p.m.—S.R.U.F.C. "B" XV *v.* U.S.M.C. XV. Referee: G. S. Dunkley.

SUNDAY

3 p.m.—Police XV v. Tung Wen. Referee: D. W. Leach.

CLUB "A":—J. L. R. Mair; J. W. M. Martin, A. P. D. Kennedy, A. Thomas, S. J. Ward; I. F. Aucott, J. R. Dickinson; W. D. Pearson, R. U. Reynolds, J. W. Chapman, J. D. Savle, S. Wallace, D. M. Wheeler, M. O. Liddell, J. B. Blaikie.

CLUB "B":—W. V. K. Chadwick; R. S. L. Frewen, B. R. Brown, A. Wilson, L. S. Tomashevsky; L. R. St. Louis, B. A. St. Louis; F. March, W. J. B. Carter, D. W. E. Chubb, J. R. Harling, C. H. Hodgman, G. L. Hinds, W. K. Corneck, R. V. Stapleton-Cotton.

Women's Bowling Reaches Final

American Club Aces to Meet Y.M.C.A. in Match To Decide Title

The Foreign "Y" W.S.S. gained the right to enter the final playoff for the Ladies Duck Pins League Championship yesterday by taking the measure of the American Club Deuces 2-1. The winners have now won the North Section of the League with 19 triumphs to five losses.

Meanwhile, in the South Section the American Club Aces managed to win the sectional title by scoring a victory of 3-0 over the C.C.C. Greens. This coupled with the single game they took off the Race Club the day before yesterday, saw them ahead by a single game in the standings.

The W.S.S. and the Aces will meet at a later date in a playoff of seven games to decide the title.

Standings

NORTH SECTION

	Won	Lost
W.S.S.	19	5
C.C.C. Blues	17	7
C.C.C. Reds	11	13
Deuces	9	15
Marine Ladies	4	20

SOUTH SECTION

Aces	17	7
C.C.C. Greens	16	8
C.C.C. Whites	12	12
Y. Boots	9	15
Race Club	6	18

North Section

W.S.S.

Mrs. Zee	93	92	80	265
Miss Harvey	93	84	70	247
Mrs. Sobel	100	87	92	279
Mrs. Collaco	88	84	102	274
Mrs. Malleck	82	109	81	272
	456	456	425	1,337

DEUCES

Miss Donaldson	78	65	72	215
Miss Brown	74	102	103	279
Mrs. Bekerson	89	80	77	246
Mrs. Robinson	78	73	106	256
Miss Hykes	79	86	88	255
	398	408	446	1,251

Blues 3; Marine Ladies 0.

BLUES

Mrs. Huebner	103	77	95	220
Miss Ball	91	105	94	290
Mrs. Dalton	80	93	87	260
Mrs. Laidlaw	80	80	80	240
Mrs. Geibel	105	94	112	311
	464	449	468	1,361

MARINE LADIES

Mrs. Johnston	80	93	85	258
Mrs. Hommel	85	96	79	260
Mrs. Fraser	97	79	73	249
Mrs. Kuhn	95	82	100	277
Mrs. Nelson	85	94	77	256
	442	444	414	1,300

Aces 3; C.C.C. Greens 0.

ACES

Mrs. James	92	87	97	276
Mrs. Evans	95	90	106	291
Mrs. Rundell	87	82	114	283
Mrs. Kwok	82	86	105	294
Mrs. Deegan	99	100	95	294
	455	445	519	1,417

GREENS

Mrs. Bourne	96	80	88	264
Miss Nichols	88	68	88	244
Mrs. Nance	85	93	86	264
Mrs. Vines	91	90	98	279
Mrs. Dardwell	94	84	98	276
	454	415	458	1,327

Whites 2; Race Club 1.

WHITES

Mrs. Gray	92	103	81	276
Mrs. Freeman	85	92	110	237
Mrs. Putnam	78	92	83	253
Mrs. Dale	79	91	98	265
Miss McDonnell	95	115	86	296
	428	493	456	1,317

RACE CLUB

Mrs. Wilson	80	81	74	235
Mrs. Bowern	86	80	81	247
Miss Picozzi	95	115	86	296
Mrs. Prince	96	101	91	288
Mrs. Pote-Hunt	83	87	85	255
	440	464	417	1,621

Race Club 2; American Club Aces 1.

RACE CLUB

Mrs. Wilson	90	86	91	267
Mrs. Bowern	83	93	76	252
Miss Picozzi	89	82	98	269
Mrs. Prince	92	101	86	279
Mrs. Pote-Hunt	80	93	91	269
	454	460	442	1,336

ACES

Mrs. Jensen	86	82	108	276
Mrs. Evans	83	75	92	250
Mrs. Rundell	90	95	100	291
Mrs. Kwok	90	99	82	270
Mrs. Deegan	69	90	101	260
	424	440	483	1,347

First Squash Victory For C.C.C. Team

Y.M.C.A. Defeated in 2nd Division Encounter

Winning three matches out of five, the Columbia Country Club defeated the Foreign Y.M.C.A. "B" team at the C.C.C. yesterday evening to score their first victory of the season.

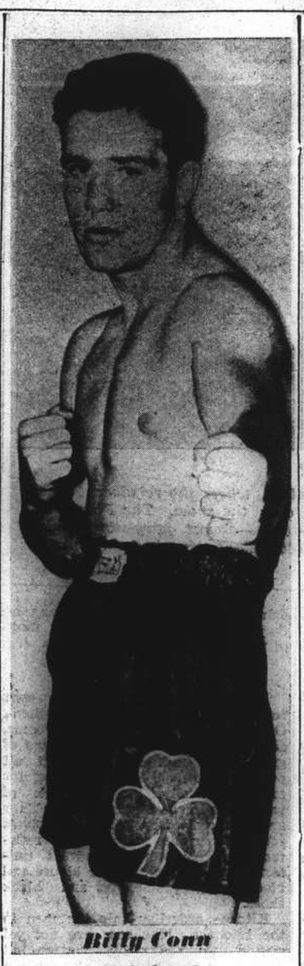
The other two second division matches arranged for last night were postponed. The Bank was to have met the British Army and the Rowing Club the Light Horse.

It was Nance, Gould and Read who gained the victory for the Columbia Country Club, the other members of the team losing narrowly to their opponents.

The results were as follows:

H. G. Nelson lost to S. T. Berglof 6-9, 9-1, 6-9, 9-3, 8-10.
F. R. Nance beat E. J. Sluis 9-4, 9-2, 9-3.
R. Gould beat A. E. Lawrence 9-4, 9-7, 3-9, 10-8.
J. R. Reed beat M. Botelho 9-4, 8-10, 9-3, 9-5.
H. Bernard lost to E. Oliviera 9-4, 3-9, 5-9, 4-9.

The Columbia Club players are mentioned first in each match.



Billy Conn

World Champion

He trounced Melio Bettina to win the world light-heavyweight championship and is now interested in entering heavyweight circles.

Teeing Off Times At Seekingjao

Teeing off times at Seekingjao this week-end have been arranged as follows by the Shanghai Golf Club:

SATURDAY

12.52 Bordwell, Steen/King, Sawyer
1.04 Brisk, Ross/Chalmers, Bone
1.12 Malcolm, Appelboom
1.16 Vice President
1.24 McDonald, Ewing/Smith, McCants
1.32 Bell, Brister/Grubb, Farnham
1.44 Jourdin, Clements
1.48 Piper, MacFarlane
1.52 Drysdale, Jarvis/Neumann, Kelen
2.04 President/Barry, Drysdale
2.12 Walker, Munn
2.16 Brooks, Cutting (4 Ball)
2.24 Burnett, Deegan
2.28 Brown, Mrs. Brown

SUNDAY

8.44 Brown, Partner/Hartnett, Barrett
8.52 MacFarlane, Paterson
8.56 Jacobs, Stevenson
9.04 Barry, Walker/Jourdin, Clements
9.12 King, McCants
9.16 Neumann, Ashworth
9.24 Brisk, Guest/Ross, Guest
9.32 Piper, Bell/Chalmers, MacFarlane
9.44 Vice President/Blackwood, Scott
9.52 Rigden, Pearson/President
10.04 Brooks, Widdup
10.32 Brister, Ballingall
10.36 Openshaw, Judd
12.04 Burnett, Ferrell
1.16 Evelie, Berthier

Booking chits for starting times for New Year Holidays 1st, 2nd and 3rd should reach the Shanghai Golf Club Secretary's Office by 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 30, 1939.

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TO-DAY at 7.30 p.m.

Events 1-8:	*Events 9-16:*
1. LACA	1. ENRIQUE
2. CHITIVAR	2. ACHA
3. ECHARRI	3. ALBERDI
4. ESCORIAZA	4. PRUDENCIO
5. RAFAEL	5. OSA
6. FERNANDO	6. ANDRINUA

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5	MR. CHIPS	150
10	NATIONAL SPORT	140
10	PRIMROSERAY	148
5	RED IKE	145
6	THE AVOCET	147
1½	VIM	167

THIRD DAY—FIFTH RACE
The New Year Grand Handicap

5	BAGSHOT	
15	BEAUTIFUL HALL	
10	BUSTED STRAIGHT	
4	CARNIVAL	
15	CLUNIEBURN	
8	COLUMBUS	
14	CORPS CAVALRY	
12	DANBURY	
20	DEMOCRATIC PRINCE	
10	DOC	
8	FAIRYLIGHT	
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2	JOYLIGHT	
10	MERRY JESTER	
4	MERRYLIGHT	
6	NIGHT EXPRESS	
10	ROEHAMPTON	
20	SLOW MOTION	
20	THE FRIGATE	
14	UN-UN-UN	
4	VIM	
4	WHITE PARADE	

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New Year Meeting Preparations

Fast Training Gallop by Night Express; Prospects For Next Races

By "Cano"

There is no racing this week-end, but the ponies that will be seen out at the New Year Race Meeting on January 2, 3 and 6, have been doing training work that in many cases has proved interesting, giving some idea of what may be expected from them when they go out with the colours up.

It is nothing unusual to find Night Express putting up a fast time training spin, but his last one, at 1¼ mile with Gabor Renner in the saddle, was really good. He covered the distance in 2.44.4, first mile of it in 2.09.4, and last one 2.11.4, being in no way distressed at the finish.

Same rider was up on Fairy Jackdaw who in the company of Petruska did his mile in 2.15.2, last quarter 34.2, both of them finishing full of running, with apparently a couple of seconds in hand. Merry Admiral went attractively for 1¼ mile in 2.52.4, last quarter 34.1.

Corps Cavalry is going well. His last training gallop was at 1¼ mile, which he covered in 2.53, with a strong finish. Un Un Un is looking better and finished up his mile, done in 2.16, in quite his best style. White Parade did his 1¼ mile in 2.52; it was too misty to pick him up when passing the last quarter post, but he finished well.

Bagshot Finishes Well

Bagshot in company went 1¼ mile in 2.56, with his last quarter a fraction over 31, finishing well, and he may improve, with another fast training gallop, before having to race in the big event on January 6

The Frigate and The Swan did 1¼ mile together in 2.59.2, both finishing well. Frostylight and Fairylight were given 1¼ mile together in 3.00.3, last quarter 31.3. Joylight out with Flyinglight went a similar distance in 2.58.2, last quarter 31. Joylight having the better of it when finishing strongly.

Merrylight going alone covered 1¼ mile in 2.58.2, last quarter 31, moving well at the finish. Haiphong with boy up did a good mile, his time being 2.13.4, last quarter 31.2. This gallop indicates he is fit, and as Gram may weigh out for him on Tuesday, Mr. Durgor may start 1940 with some success to his stable.

Vim with Gram up did his 1¼ mile in 3.08, last quarter in 31, in good style. Same rider gave Claverton a similar distance in 2.57.1, last quarter 33. Neville with Y. S. Chang up did his 1¼ mile in 2.56.3, last quarter 33.3. This pony is improving, but is not yet the good one he was last spring.

Carnival finished up his 1¼ mile done in 2.59.1, with an attractive style last quarter in 32.4, Bober did 1¼ mile in 3.01.1, last quarter 35, not pleasing as a finish. Doc finished well when doing his 1¼ mile in 2.56.2.

George Bad News Cafego

Major Threat

Outstanding player on Tennessee's football team which will meet U.S.C. in the Rose Bowl on, January 1.

Italian Navy Lose to "A" Company

Marblehead Defeated by "D" Company

After several victories in past weeks, the Italian Navy basketball team were defeated last night by "A" Company, in the Navy Y.M.C.A. Consolation League. After holding a slight lead at half time, "A" Company went on to win by 29-24. The highest scorers were Pensachik of the winners and Caproti of the Italians, the latter taking honours with 13 points.

The Marblehead were beaten by "D" Company to the tune of 21-12 in a hardfought encounter in which the eventual winners had a good lead at half time.

In the third game of the evening "F" Company were beaten by Headquarters, 1st Bn., by 19-10, tight guarding holding the score down.

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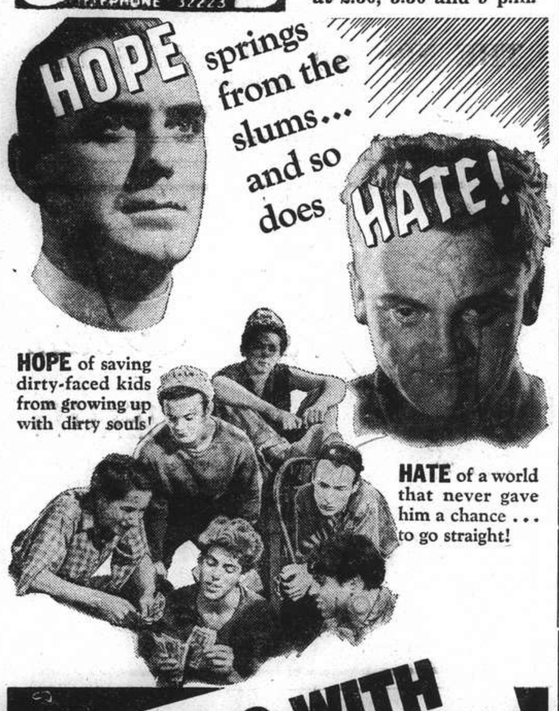
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Seaforths and Marines Tie at Golf

Best Score Achieved by Jones of Scottish Side

The Inter-Services Golf Competition promoted by the Navy "Y", resulted in a tie on December 27 between the Seaforths and the U.S. Marines. Olsen, Kenney and Duball of the Marines, defeated Conyon, Vickers and Riley of the Seaforths. Rainey, Jones and Alexander of the Seaforths, defeated Jackson, King and Slocum of the Marines.

The best score of the day was made by Jones of the Seaforths, who turned in an 81. Kenney of the Marines, was second best with an 84.

The Shield for this competition has been played for three times Two competitions have resulted in a tie and one competition in a win for the Marines. The Shield will be up again on Wednesday, January 3.

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"BLOCK-HEADS"

Lee to Fight Logan In Manila

Bout Arranged to Be Held Next March

Manila, Dec. 28.

Jess Cortes, local boxing promoter who staged the middleweight championship fight between Ceferino Garcia, champion, and Glen Lee last Saturday here, today announced that Lee had agreed to return to Manila in March to fight Luis Logan.

Logan, former light-heavyweight champion of Europe and the Orient, recently expressed his desire to come out of retirement and fight either Lee or Garcia.

Although Logan has not fought for a couple of years here because of lack of opposition, he is in good shape since he continually works out.

In opposing Lee he will probably have the advantage of some fifteen pounds.

Lee sailed yesterday together with Garcia for the United States aboard the President Pierce. Lee had earlier agreed to stay over here if a bout could be arranged with Logan immediately. Such an arrangement, however, could not be made and thus he promised to return here in March for a bout with Logan, Cortes said.—United Press.

SHANGHAI RACE COURSE

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1st Day, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1940 } The First Bell will be rung
2nd Day, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1940 } promptly at 11.30 a.m. each day.

3rd Day, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1940 } The First Bell will be rung promptly at 1.15 p.m.

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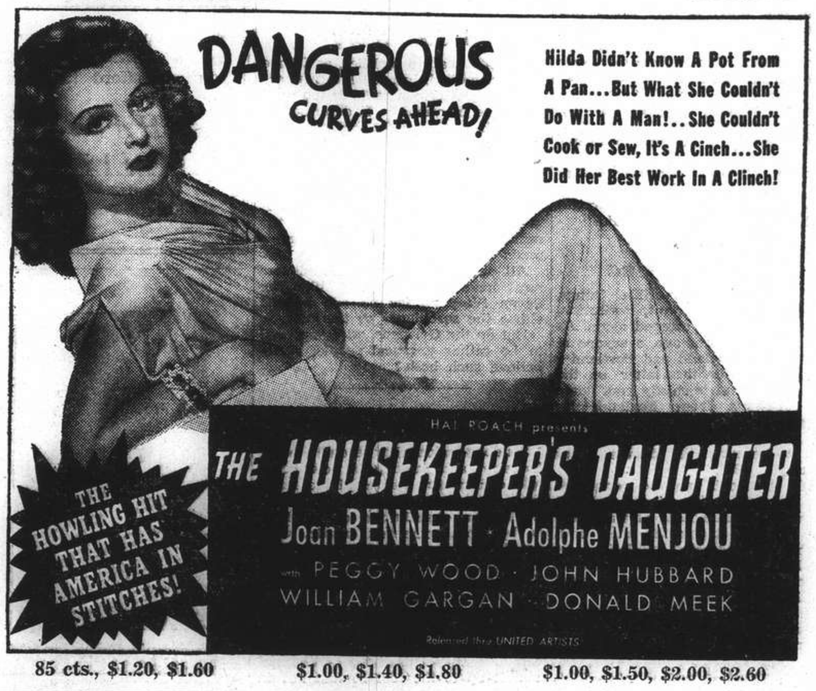
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Site for Refugees In P.I. Chosen

Plans Made for Settling 10,000 Europeans at Old Cattle Ranch at Bukidnon

Manila, Dec. 28.

Bukidnon, a province in central Mindanao Island has been chosen by the Jewish Refugee Commission as the best Philippines site for settling 10,000 European immigrants expected to arrive here, the "Manila Bulletin" reliably learned today.

The New York International Refugee Commission has advised the Philippines Government of its acceptance of the report recommending Bukidnon, it was reported.

Plans for resettling the refugees were being worked out, it was understood.

The Jewish Refugee Commission, it was reported, has purchased the lease of an extensive cattle ranch at Bukidnon which will be used as a site for the proposed Jewish community. The ranch was formerly owned by Mr. Dean C. Worcester, former Secretary of the Interior of the Philippines Commonwealth and one of the first American pioneers in the Philippines.

The Philippines Government has the lease to the ranch and must therefore approve of the Commission's plan, it was learned.

In Name Only

Under the present plan, the refugees will become Philippines citizens in name only.

Meanwhile, Dr. Stanton Youngberg, Executive Secretary of the Jewish Aid Society, arrived in Manila today on the Netherlands liner Klipfontein from the United States.

Dr. Youngberg was recently appointed secretary of the Advisory Committee to President Roosevelt on Political Refugees. He visited Manila last April to investigate settling the Jewish refugees in the Philippines.—United Press.

Censorship Charges Hongkong Denied

Transit Mail Not Being Interfered With

Hongkong, Dec. 28.

Asked to comment on a leading article in yesterday's "Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury" which alleged that Shanghai-bound mail from America was being censored in transit at Hongkong, the Hongkong postal authorities declare that transit mail is normally merely passed by the Hongkong censors, not opened or censored by them.

This was obviously the case, they state, in the letter quoted by the "Evening Post," as the newspaper revealed that it bore the chop "Passed by Censor, Hongkong."

This chop is used, they declare, merely to indicate that the letter has passed through Hongkong.

In the case of mail which is actually censored, they point out, the ends of the envelope are opened and a paper seal is affixed bearing the legend "Opened by Censor, Hongkong."—Reuter.

Municipal Orchestra

The attention of Shanghai music lovers is drawn to the fact that on account of New Year's Eve falling this year on Sunday, the usual weekly symphony concert of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra, which was to have been held on that day, will, as an exception, take place on the preceding day, that is, tomorrow Saturday, at 5.15 p.m. in the Lyceum Theatre.

Maestro Paci, recovered from the unfortunate accident which kept him away from his conductor-desk for the past three weeks, will once again resume his baton, and for the occasion has arranged a very interesting programme comprising three celebrated works of the classic symphonic repertoire and also has secured the collaboration of a very distinguished and well-known vocalist, Mrs. Ruth Fullam, whom Shanghai music lovers have often heard and enthusiastically applauded. She will this time delight the public with the rendering of two arias by Mozart: one from "Il Re Pastore" and the other entitled "Batti, batti o bel Masetto."

The orchestra will play two symphonies: "The Unfinished" by Schubert, and the "Pastorale" by Beethoven, masterpieces which do not need any appreciative comment. Another item in the programme which will greatly interest music lovers is the Double-Concerto in D Minor by Bach for two Violins and String Orchestra, which will be rendered by Prof. A. Foa and the Deputy-Leader, R. Gerzovsky.

The full programme is as follows:

Symphony in B minor ("The Unfinished") ..... Schubert
Two Arias with Orchestra acc. ..... Mozart
Vocalist: Ruth Fullam
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Japan's Envoy to Paris Shows Credentials

Paris, Dec. 28.

The Japanese Ambassador to Paris, Mr. Renzo Sawada, ceremoniously presented his credentials to M. Albert Lebrun, the President of France, at the Elysee Palace at 11.30 a.m. today.—United Press.

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Chinese Delay Final Assault On Nanning City

Japanese Claim Successes in Attacks in Three Areas; Lanchow Severely Bombed in Big Raid

Chungking, Dec. 28.

"NONE of the Japanese soldiers at present in Nanning will be allowed to escape, but the time for the Chinese attack on Nanning city has not arrived," declared the Chinese military spokesman here today.

The spokesman emphasized the importance of the occupation of Kunlunkwan pass by Chinese forces, who, he said, were withholding their attack until a suitable time.

Referring to Japanese reports that Chinese forces were attempting to cut Yangtze river communications, the spokesman said whether the Chinese were doing it, or whether the Chinese were capable of doing it, would be proved by future developments. He claimed, however, that Chinese batteries along the Yangtze river were sinking an average of two Japanese warships every week.—Reuter.

The Japanese army spokesman at yesterday's press conference divulged the subject matter of a joint communiqué, issued at 2 p.m., by the Headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force and the Headquarters of the China Seas Fleet. He stated that the two forces, co-operating, had instituted drives against three of China's major communication and supply lines, namely against Lanchow, against the highway between French Indo-China and Chennankwan and Liuchow, and a large-scale drive northwards to destroy the Canton-Hankow Railway line.

Pressed for details regarding the effects of these campaigns, the army and naval spokesmen stated that they had certain information but, inasmuch as the full results must be correlated, they could not divulge anything at the moment.

Regarding the operations against Lanchow it was said that for three days, from December 26 to 28, inclusive, naval and army air forces had executed joint movements on a large scale against a point far inland and the results achieved indicated annihilating losses on the largest Chinese base on the Red Route. The operations in the south-east were successfully executed, while the onslaught in a drive along the railway line was still underway in the form of a northward movement of the Japanese forces.

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The co-ordinated operations were carried out as a brilliant prelude to the coming observance of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

Referring again to the Lanchow raids, the spokesman stated that they constituted the largest mass raids since the beginning of the hostilities, both as to the number of planes employed and the intensity of the attack.

The so-called winter offensive of the Chinese forces was definitely foiled, added the spokesman, on various fronts and should prove a telling weakness of Chinese resistance in the future.

Part of the Chinese winter offensive, the naval spokesman interjected, was directed against the Yangtze, particularly between Anking and Kiukiang. In some instances the Chinese did attack in considerable numbers and with intensity, but all were repulsed.

He denied the Chungking report that an average of two Japanese ships had been sunk daily and asked correspondents to refer to officers of foreign men-of-war, which now were proceeding downstream—they would have noted wrecks had such losses been suffered, he concluded.

Chinese Routed in Kwangtung

Canton, Dec. 28.

Several thousand Chinese troops operating in the areas north-east of the Canton-Hankow Railway in Kwangtung province were routed yesterday afternoon by Japanese forces.

Chinese forces lost at least 1,000 dead in the encounters. Japanese forces captured 100 prisoners and large quantities of ammunition.

Routed by the Japanese forces were Chinese troops belonging to the 151th, 156th, and 159th Divisions, the Independent 20th Brigade and the 2nd Group Army.

Meantime earlier in the week near Shatin, 22 kilometres south-west of Sinfeng north of Lungmoon in north-eastern Kwangtung, at least one-fifth of a force of 1,000 Chinese troops were killed when a Japanese detachment made a surprise raid. Assisted by Japanese army air units, Japanese ground forces routed the others.

At the same time three other Japanese units were pursuing Chinese forces in the vicinity of Lutinyum.—Domei.

Fighting in Suiyuan

Peiping, Dec. 27.

Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia were being hard pressed by the recent Chinese offensive, and their casualties in the fighting at Paotow totalled 100 dead, including a full colonel, it was admitted by the Japanese military spokesman here today.

At one time, he added, the Chinese gained a foothold in the north-western part of the city, but were later driven out "with heavy losses."

For a time, the spokesman asserted, the railway between Kweihua and Kalgan was interrupted, and apparently the Chinese succeeded in advancing to the outposts at Kweihua before being driven back.

The Chinese forces are being led by General Fu Tso-yi, former Governor of Suiyuan.—Reuter.

Paoting, Dec. 28.

Chinese forces of the Communist 8th Route Army, about 3,000 strong, under General Chou Chan-kuei, in central Hopei were scattered yesterday in an attack by Japanese forces.

The Chinese Red troops had massed in the Central Hopei area along the Yungting River, in preparation for the so-called "winter offensive."—Domei.

Bishop of North China Resigns

Rt. Rev. F. L. Norris Was in Boxers' Legation Siege

London, Dec. 28.

The resignation of the Rt. Rev. F. L. Norris, Bishop of North China, has been accepted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rev. T. A. Scott, at present Bishop of Shantung, has been appointed to succeed him.

One of the best known figures in North China, the Rt. Rev. Francis Lushington Norris is 75 years of age. Ordained in 1887, he spent two years as a curate at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, and went to Peking as an S.P.G. missionary in 1889. He is one of the few survivors of the Legation siege during the Boxer uprising. He has been Bishop of North China since 1914.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Arnold Scott has been Bishop of Shantung since 1921. He came to North China as an S. P. G. missionary in 1908, and was appointed Principal of the Church of England School, Peking, in 1913.—Reuter.

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DEATHS

HARRIS.—On December 15, 1939, at Bournemouth, England, "FRIE," beloved wife of Tom H. Harris, passed away peacefully. (By cable.) 1320S

WILDT.—On Thursday, December 28, 1939, in Shanghai, MARY BOKU WILDT, aged 30 years, the dearly beloved wife of Mr. R. E. Wildt. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Saturday, December 30, 1939, at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road, at 4 p.m. (No flowers by request, but donations to the Rotary Club of Shanghai for distribution to tubercular institutions would be appreciated.)

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TOWARDS GREATER UNITY

The rapidity with which Pope Pius XII has followed up his momentous speech to the College of Cardinals with arrangements to pay a visit to the King and Queen of Italy, in return for one which the monarchs recently paid him is likely to prove significant, for not only is it the first time such a thing has occurred since 1870, but it marks an emergence from the cloistered reserve of the Vatican into the realm of mundane affairs in a manner which may have a profound effect upon the history of the world. The betterment of relations between the Vatican and the Quirinal, for which Pope Pius has been largely responsible, the recognition of the Roman Catholic Church as a sovereign state justifies the Pope in taking the action he has. He would have been in any event, for the dictates of the Divinity of whom he is a servant, and the rules of common humanity necessitate that a man wielding the enormous moral power which he possesses should do his utmost to see that righteousness shall again prevail over the forces of evil. In his speech, in which he condemned aggression in terms which permitted of no misunderstanding, His Holiness declared himself strongly in support of what he conceives to be the right, and definitely announced himself as opposed to régimes as enthusiastically irreligious as they are enemies of the Christian Church. He finds in the menace of Bolshevism, and a National Socialism which is not very much different after all, a definite threat to the faith which has inspired countless generations of humanity, and as Supreme Pontiff he would be failing in his duty to his Church were he not to make his attitude quite plain as perceiving sin and proceeding to rebuke it. If that were the important point of his speech, his reference to the five peace points, revealing a close appreciation of the needs of this generation and others to come, was not less significant, and the fact that he has thus come out so boldly must have a most encouraging effect upon those who are fighting in defence of principles of which he cannot help but be in support. It was a moral gesture of the supremest importance, and one which may have a very profound effect upon the future of Europe.

There is anxiety displayed in Spain lest developments in Europe shall bring about the spread of that Bolshevism which General Franco so fiercely fought throughout the Civil War. There is in Italy amongst the laity just as much opposition to Communism, just as much hatred of it as was evidenced when Signor Mussolini commenced his march on Rome, and when Signor Gayda, recognized as the mouthpiece of Il Duce, in the course of an article in the "Giornale d'Italia," states that "Italian policy is one of independence and vigilance, but war and peace find the Church of Rome and Italy on identical platforms," he is saying something which is obviously the truth. It cannot be otherwise, unless Signor Mussolini is prepared to perform the unthinkable by accompanying the Reich to bow in the house of Rimmon. It may be true, as Signor Gayda states, that the Pope's visit has "no connection with practical problems of war or peace," but that cannot always be the case, for with the completion of the most cordial relationships between the Roman Catholic Church and the Government of Italy there is being forged a front against a common enemy the strength of which it would be highly foolish to understimate. It has to be remembered that so long as M. Stalin was content to rest quietly within the borders of Soviet Russia, there was little need for Christian governments, and churches to coalesce in common defence. The last three months have brought about a considerable change. Half of Poland has come within the domination of Moscow, and is being subjected to the usual process of sovietization, a shadowy vestige of independence remains to the Baltic States whose inclusion within the U.S.S.R. appears to be only a matter of time, and that not too long, while the onslaught on Finland may, though it is devoutly hoped it will not, lead to a still further spread, by force, of the hated doctrines of Communism. The world revolution which it was believed was dead for all time has been resuscitated to be prosecuted by violence where the more peaceful methods of propaganda prevailed, and the relaxation of measures against the spread of the doctrine in Germany, attendant upon the non-aggression pact of August 23 last, means that Germany no longer stands as the much vaunted bulwark against Bolshevism, but has made it possible for it to come right to the very boundaries of western Europe.

The mutuality of interests between the Roman Catholic Church, and the Italian Government has only thus to be stated to appear in its fullest possible light. The danger has all along been recognized by Signor Mussolini; it has been equally so by the Church which has reason to understand how completely Communism is opposed to all that it cherishes, and the Pope's forthright statement to the College of Cardinals will undoubtedly be the rallying cry to that great Church to unite, and face the peril which Communism represents. In the circumstances the creation of the most cordial understanding between the Vatican, and the Quirinal is one of the most effective answers to the threat of an expansion of the evil doctrines which are wreaking so much havoc in Europe at the present time. It is more. It is an assurance that the forces of good are closing their ranks to present a common front against the peril which threatens; it is a promise that the normal standards of national, and international decency shall be restored to the world, and that all good men and true will continue to fight on until that happy day is brought about. The alignment of the Roman Catholic Church with all the democracies of the world in their opposition to Communism, for that is what the Pope has brought about, adds great strength to the democratic cause in a world where spiritual values have not yet lost their potency. Thus the papal visit may indeed have no connection with the practical issues of peace or war, but any movement which forges clerical and laic Italy into one force in opposition to the spread of subversive doctrine cannot entirely escape that connection. This epoch-marking visit is consequently of the highest significance. The old tensions between the Church and the State have been destroyed, and Pope Pius XII is placing the corner stone upon an edifice of understanding such as has not existed for nearly seventy years past. It is a most favourable omen and one which must give the greatest encouragement to those who regard the possibility of a spread of Bolshevism with horror and dismay.

China Coaster's Tide Book

What time will high tide occur at Swatow on April 7, 1940? What commercial code flag is hoisted by a vessel desiring to proceed through the International Bridge at Tientsin? How many whistle blasts does a ship give when ready to swing in one of the swinging berths in the Whangpoo River? These questions are answered in detail in "The China Coaster's Tide Book and Nautical Pocket Manual," the 1940 edition of which is just off the press. This compact little volume, excellently printed on smooth paper, and handsomely bound in red imitation leather, contains a wealth of information which is of inestimable value to all seafaring men. Those arm-chair sailors, lovers of things maritime who are engaged in other professions but who are deeply interested in nautical affairs, will find the annual an education in itself as will sea-scouts and amateur yachtsmen in Shanghai. The latest edition of this well-known volume contains 561 pages of matter concerning tides, and tidal streams, and miscellaneous information for the coast of China. In addition there are several revised maps of various harbours on the China coast as well as harbour regulations for all ports on the China coast. Of special interest to meteorologists who wish to keep track of that frequent visitor to Shanghai, Old Man Typhoon, is Section IV of the manual which deals with the winds and weather and gives a detailed description of the peculiarities of the various types of typhoons. Other interesting features in the book include a theory on tides, distance tables, a table of weights and measures and extracts from the rule of the road at sea.

Indian Troops Arrive

The arrival of Indian troops in France to take their part in the hostilities is but another example of the whole hearted manner in which the various Dominions have rallied to the call of Empire, and the spectacle of its sons hurrying from all corners of the world in its defence cannot fail to impress the world with the solidarity which was widely expressed right after the commencement of hostilities. Canadian, Australian and now Indian forces are arriving on the scene of action. New Zealand will not be far behind. Canada and Australia will shortly be huge centres for the manufacture of munitions of war, and the Princes of India have stepped forward on this occasion as they did twenty-five years ago. These expressions of loyalty to an ideal cannot be dismissed lightly, however much the Reich would like to do so. They are manifestations that the decadence which men such as Herr Hitler professed to see in the British Empire existed only in their own perfervid imaginations. The fact is that the Empire is being true to itself, and the traditions upon which it is being based. It may be taken for granted that following the precedent of twenty-five years ago the Reich will seek to make much of the fact that coloured troops are being brought to Europe against them. But neither Great Britain nor France are impressed by the fictitious doctrine of Aryanism which forms so important a part of the Nazi doctrine. The German troops will find in these coloured troops opponents well able to give a good account of themselves, and certainly able to induce considerable respect for their fighting qualities. For the most part they come from proud Moslem races, born fighters, men of undeniable courage, and loyalty to the Crown such a loyalty that their desire to fight in defence of it cannot be lightly denied, and the Reich will have to learn as it learned more than two decades ago that:—

Oh, East is East and West is west, and never the twain shall meet
Till East and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat:
But there is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth
When two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the Earth.

Moscow Gets News

The news which comes out of Russia regarding the invasion of Finland is as significant as it is interesting. It will be remembered that a few days ago it was reported that the Soviet had asked Germany for the assistance of four war vessels with which to blockade Finland, and for the services of a number of German senior officers. Both requests it is reported were refused. Now a telegram from Paris reports that three Soviet generals and six other leading Red Army officers have been executed because of the setbacks the Russian Army has received at the hands of the Finns, while the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" in Moscow reports that the conspiracy of silence by which the Soviet Government had hoped to keep the truth of the disasters in Finland from the masses has failed and that considerable anxiety is being felt in the capital. It may not always be possible to test the accuracy of some of the reports which come to hand, but of this last it may be said that it presents no great difficulty. The correspondent would not have learned of the defeats in Finland, unless people in Moscow were becoming apprised of them, for no especial privilege with regard to the receipt of news is ever given correspondents, and what he learned of Soviet defeats he must have acquired in Moscow. It follows that Moscow must be acquainted with the Soviet failure on the borders of Finland, and his description of the reaction to be seen can, therefore, be taken as approximating the truth. What was to have been merely a manhunt of Finnish policemen by a vastly superior Russian force has been transformed into a complete defeat with losses quite unexpected on the part of the Russians. The Leningrad hospitals are full. Hospitals in the local railway stations along the Moscow-Leningrad line are filling up, and there are rumours that the wounded are now actually being sent to Moscow itself, where one of its biggest hospitals is being evacuated of civilian patients. Information such as this clearly demonstrates the veracity of the Finnish claims to have inflicted severe damage upon the Soviet forces, and completely discounts the Soviet claims that their forces have suffered but trifling casualties. The much-vaunted Soviet Army has been shown to be much below the efficiency claimed for it, that it is now apparent to the whole world that Russia can afford little if any real military aid to Germany, and that Herr Hitler has been completely misled by his advisers as to the assistance he could expect in a military sense from the Soviet Government. The various military purges have demonstrably weakened the Russian high command; the further execution of generals, because they have failed in the Finnish campaign, will certainly not succeed, if it is designed *pour encourager les autres.*

IN PARENTHESIS

Knew His Public

IN a street-market a man was selling torch batteries. One buyer fitted the battery into his torch and switched it on. "Hey," he cried, "this battery's no good."

Immediately all the other buyers found their batteries were weak, too. There was an angry murmur, but the salesman had his answer ready. "You've had orders to dull your torches, haven't you? Well, my firm are making them ready dulled."

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The Sparrow Calls

LIGHTS were blazing in The Other Sparrow's nest, and The Sparrow, glad of a chance to make a call, swerved on his way to the Tree-tops Club and banged on the door.

"Hoi, gorgeous," shouted The Sparrow. "Don't you know there's a war on?"

"Who's that?" called back The Other Sparrow.

"Just somebody who worships the grass you hop on," said The Sparrow.

"Oh, it's you," said The Other Sparrow. "Come in. You're just in time for supper."

The Other Sparrow's voice was gay, and her bright eyes shone an invitation into the warm, cosy nest.

"You must have known I was coming, Sex Appeal," said The Sparrow, warming a claw by the fire.

"I knew somebody was coming," said The Other Sparrow.

"Is that so?" said The Sparrow. "And who's somebody?"

"Just anybody," said The Other Sparrow. "If a lonely girl takes down her A.R.P. curtains somebody's sure to call, even if it's only a warden."

"And instead of a warden you got me," said The Sparrow.

"Yes, I got you," said The Other Sparrow. "And so what?"

"Aren't you glad?" asked The Sparrow, going towards her.

"I'll tell you later," said The Other Sparrow, moving away.

"You look marvellous tonight," said The Sparrow, following up. "Some place, some time, I've heard that before," said The Other Sparrow, backing into a corner.

"You go to my head—like wine," said The Sparrow, taking her claw in his.

"Cliché No. 41," said The Other Sparrow. "How's the wife?"

The Sparrow dropped her claw and turned petulantly away.

"What did you bring that up for?" he asked.

"It's a girl's only defence against married men," said The Other Sparrow, "and we certainly need it, believe me. How is she, anyway?"

"Crying into her knitting as usual," said The Sparrow.

"And who made her cry?" asked The Other Sparrow.

"You don't have to make her." said The Sparrow. "The difficulty is to stop her. She's just a big, leaking tap."

"I don't like to hear men speaking of their wives like that," said The Other Sparrow. "It's not nice."

"You shouldn't have brought it up," said The Sparrow.

"Don't be sulky now," said The Other Sparrow, "or I won't give you any supper."

"I don't want any supper," said The Sparrow, making another pass at her. "I want you."

"Naughty, naughty," said The Other Sparrow, slapping his claw. "Supper first."

"And then what?" asked The Sparrow.

"Depends how you behave," said The Other Sparrow. "We might have the gramophone on and dance. Or I might read to you. Or I might sing to you. Tra-la-la-la-la. Tra-la-la-la-la. Tra-la-la-lah-h-h-h."

She filled The Nest with her highest notes as she put the supper on the table.

"There," she said. "What do you think of that?"

"Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy," said The Sparrow, burying his beak in the worm Nuberg. "Supper first was right. Oh boy, oh boy."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	36.0	Max.	56.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	28.5	Max.	42.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	30.0	Max.	59.2
Same date, 1938	Min.	25.5	Max.	43.3

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 27th:—Siberian anticyclone steady all over the Far East. Fine and cold weather with winter monsoon regular all along the China Coast.

State on the morning of the 28th: Fine and cold weather. West-north-westerly breezes. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cold weather with regular winter monsoon over Shantung, our regions and the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To THE WHITE FLOWER SOCIETY

The Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai	$300.00

To THE RICKSHAW MISSION

In memory of George and Anne Matheson's noble work	$10.00

To THE AMERICAN CIVILIAN RELIEF FUND

In memory of Mrs. A. Israel:— W. J. Gande	$25.00

To THE SALVATION ARMY

M. K. Khetani, for purchasing oil for the refugees in No. 2. camp	$120.00
Force Majeure	10.00

To THE FINNISH RED CROSS FUND

In memory of C. P. Berge:— The Shanghai Customs Club	$15.00

To THE I. C. MILK FUND

Rudolf and Horst Cohn	$20.00
Franz Weiss	100.00
I. C. for services rendered	34.00
Siegfried Sonnenschein	5.00
Max Gewing	1.00

To THE SHANGHAI Y. W. C. A. AND INTERNATIONAL BRANCH

Maj. Gen. F. K. Simmons	$30.00
C. M. and K. F. Perrin	50.00
E. Lenzlinger	20.00
Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Tucker	25.00
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R. D. K. Silby	10.00
Rt. Rev. F. R. Graves	10.00
S. Nickells	35.00
M. J. Nathan	10.00
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Mrs. R. H. Goodwin	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Plattner	25.00
Mrs. B. L. Ancell	10.00
Miss M. Brown	10.00

R.A.F. Planes Attack German Bombers

Three Dorniers Engaged and Silenced in Big Battle Over North Sea; Two Nazi Destroyers And Seven Patrol Ships Also Bombed

London, Dec. 28.

BITTER and thrilling fights were waged over the North Sea yesterday when Royal Air Force planes engaged German air and surface craft. In the course of the engagement the British machines, it is claimed, attacked and silenced three Dornier bombers, bombed two German destroyers and four patrol vessels, and wound up the day by attacking seven more German patrol ships, making at least one hit. All British machines are said to have returned to their base undamaged and with all their crews safe and unhurt. During the battle one British aircraft encountered a Dornier bomber and registered several hits with machine-gun bullets. Another British machine was in a series of head-on combats with a second Dornier. In the latter stage of the encounter, the German bomber was attacked with bombs by the British pilot as he dived towards it. The bombs only narrowly missed their objective.

When a third Dornier came on the scene the two German aircraft flew in a tight circle to bring a cross-fire from the front and rear guns to bear against their British opponent. This manœuvre was broken by the steadiness and accuracy of the British gunner, who observed that a number of bursts found their mark on each Dornier, each of which was damaged and silenced.

The attack against the destroyers and patrol ships was made close to the German coast, and the attack on the seven patrol ships was launched close to their base.

Despite a heavy anti-aircraft fire from the ships, the British made dive attacks. One bomb landed on the stern of a patrol vessel, which was seen to be disabled.—Reuter.

Planes Sighted Over Britain

London, Dec. 28.

A number of planes, believed to be German, were sighted over several coastal points yesterday, presumably carrying out reconnoitring flights.

Two planes were seen flying at a great height over Suffolk, trailing white smoke. Hundreds watched another plane over the Thames estuary lay down what seemed to be a smoke screen from a great height and then escape.

A German plane was shot down in the same area on November 20 while laying a smoke screen.—United Press.

Planes on West Front Inactive

Paris, Dec. 28.

With low temperature, poor visibility and general fog prevailing, quiet reigns on the Western Front.

Aerial activity on both sides is at a complete standstill. Only over the North Sea is air activity by the Royal Air Force reported.

The last clash on land occurred yesterday morning, when the Germans attempted to raid a French post south of Saarbruecken, which district Herr Hitler visited.

If the local German commander had hoped to present a few newly captured prisoners to the Fuehrer, he was disappointed, for the raiders are reported to have retreated before a hail of lead, leaving the bodies of an officer and two non-commissioned officers in no-man's land.

The latest French communique says there was very marked activity on both sides of patrols between the Moselle and the Saar.—Reuter.

Hand-to-Hand Fighting

Paris, Dec. 28.

While the bad weather at present prevailing at the front is still hindering aerial activity, surprise attacks and patrolling continue in various sectors of the front amidst thick fog.

The Germans proved particularly aggressive yesterday when their patrols made a number of attempts against French outposts.

The German attacks were easily repulsed with automatic weapons, however.

In the Vosges region, similar German attacks resulted in keen combats and hand-to-hand engagements, which ultimately ended in the withdrawal of the Germans.—Havas.

German Version

Berlin, Dec. 28.

A German High Command communique issued here today says:

"On Wednesday afternoon British aeroplanes tried to push towards the German coast, but were repelled by prompt defence measures.

"Of the two British 'planes which managed to reach the coast, one was shot down by a German chaser 'plane, whilst the other was repelled by anti-aircraft fire."—Reuter.

R.A.F. Over Reich

London, Dec. 28.

A number of R.A.F. planes effected successful reconnaissance flights over north-western parts of Germany yesterday, the Air Ministry announced this morning.

One of the British machines, the announcement adds, failed to return to its base.—Havas.

Earthquake Kills 8,000 in Turkey

Hurried Flight to Fields; Villages Mere Wreckage; Los Angeles Also Hit

Ankara, Dec. 28.

Over 8,000 persons perished in the earthquakes which devastated the greater part of Anatolia yeserday, according to unofficial reports.

It is now learned that the earthquake shock was particularly severe in the agricultural region between Tokat and Sivas.

The districts of Erzinan and Kemah were very badly hit. Every town and village was a mere heap of wreckage. In these areas alone, it is known that the death roll reached 122.

By the Black Sea, the tobacco-growing centres of Samsun and Ordu are also reported to have suffered badly.

Fresh tremors shook the affected areas late on Wednesday night. Many refugees fled to the fields. Their condition is desperate in view of the intense cold and snow, with only tents as protection.

It is learned that parties with medical aid and food are already on the way.—Reuter.

Celebes Island Shaken

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.

The earthquake which shook the Island at Celebes on December 22 played havoc to a point as yet undetermined.

At Banggai more than three hundred houses were destroyed, and at least two people killed. A number of roads were severely damaged.—Havas.

Quake Rocks Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

An earthquake believed the strongest since 1933, rocked Los Angeles yesterday morning for ten seconds. The quake was most severe in the Long Beach area where hundreds were killed during the 1933 earthquake.

Hundreds of citizens rushed from their homes and offices when the earthquake struck. Chandeliers crashed and street signs toppled. No casualties were reported as a result of the quake, however.—United Press.

Dominion Troops Prove Empire's Unity

"The Times" Comments on Australians' Arrival

London, Dec. 27.

Commenting on the arrival yesterday of the first unit of the Australian Air Force, an editorial in "The Times" points out that this, following so soon upon the arrival of the Canadian contingent, yet further underlines the unity of the British family of nations.

"Those Germans who are not completely hypnotized by Dr. Goebbel's (Propaganda Minister)," "The Times" declares, "will see this as the writing on the wall and an exposure of two false assumptions on which Germany began the war, namely that the Western Democracies were too decadent to defend themselves and that the British Empire, in an advanced state of disintegration, would fall to pieces in face of the demand for common sacrifice.

"While taking their share of the burden on land and at sea, the Dominions have clearly visualized the special aid which they can give in the air, and it seems likely that in this war the air forces will be to the Dominions what the army is to France and the navy to Great Britain," the newspaper concludes.—Wireless Through Reuter.

Americans Ask Moving Of Tientsin Barriers

Hindrances to Trade Are Subject of Complaint

Tientsin, Dec. 28.

A request for the removal of barrier restrictions at Tientsin was made today by representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce, who called on Lieut.-General Homma, commander of the Japanese garrison.

Their visit was made in connection with difficulties experienced by American business circles in Tientsin owing to the Japanese blockade.

They presented a memorandum asking that the barriers should be removed in the interest of general trade, or, if this should prove impossible, that special instructions be given at the barriers to permit American citizens and their families to go through without having to pass the examination booths.

Lieut.-General Homma, whose attitude was very cordial, said the removal of the barriers depended upon instructions from Tokyo, but the second request would receive his serious intention.

In conclusion, Lieut.-General Homma reminded the representatives that war was still in progress and he counselled patience.—Reuter.

First Unit of Indian Troops Reaches France

To Be Moved Up to Front Lines Beside British Forces

London, Dec. 28.

India has now stepped into the arena of the second great war, telegraphs Reuter's special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force in France.

The first contingent of Indian troops is now disembarking in a French port. It consists entirely of Moslems, drawn from all parts of India and led by British and Indian officers.

With them are a number of non-combatants, including religious teachers, cooks, water-carriers, and sweepers. The men are wearing Indian winter clothing, which is being supplemented by extra gear from the British authorities.

Millions of Cigarettes

The newcomers are bringing special food and millions of Indian cigarettes, while British officers have been buying live animals, mostly goats, to increase the Indians' food supply. These animals must be handed over alive and slain according to Indian custom.

As soon as possible, the Indians will be moved into the forward area of the British zone and there dispersed into small units to be stationed at various places.

They are accompanied by a large number of mules, which will be used mostly to supplement existing means of mechanical transport.—Reuter.

Indian Mules Join B.E.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

Mules from India are now joining the British Expeditionary Force in France, proving again that no war or military operation can be safely conducted without mules, telegraphs Reuter's military correspondent.

The mule retains his indispensability whatever the circumstances. It was frequently demonstrated in the last war that the mule could surmount all obstacles.

He was unequalled for pack-carrying across country when shell fire had made roads impassable.

The animals now arriving from India are old soldiers in every sense. They have served with screw guns in the north-west frontier province and elsewhere.

Accompanied by mule transport, columns can go anywhere, and guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the widest locations.

Mules have enough sense to remain under cover until the time comes for them to take up their burdens again. —Reuter.

British Press Welcomes Indians

London, Dec. 28.

The entire press today welcomed the arrival in France of the first detachment of Indian troops a few days ago.

"A further striking evidence of the whole Empire's rally to the flag is afforded by today's announcement that the first detachment of Indian troops has arrived and has disembarked at a French port," the "Daily Telegraph" declared.

"These troops are entirely drawn from Moslem regiments from various parts of India,' the paper added. "Their officers are native and they bring with them all the food and appurtenances which their religion and customs enjoin. They have even brought their mule transport."

The paper then stressed that "these fine and well-proved troops from India will go into line alongside their British comrades-in-arms and will be distributed among formations already in position."

"They can be trusted to give an excellent account of themselves and their bearing will be watchd with pride not only in their native land but by peoples of the Mohammedan faith all over the world," the journal concluded. "Such a reinforcement from such a quarters will surprise the enemy who has been counting securely on India's embarrassment rather than aid to the British war effort."—Havas.

President Confers with Religious Leaders

Ways to Restore Peace Discussed

Washington, Dec. 28.

President Roosevelt conferred at some length yesterday with Dr. George A. Butterick, President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Rabbi Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, on ways to restore world peace.

Following the conference, Dr. Butterick and Rabbi Adler said they will remain "on call for further conferences", but no peace moves appeared in prospect at present. Dr. Butterick said they had discussed all issues "obviously involved".

Rabbi Adler declared, "We were all in agreement," which was interpreted as a reply to some church quarters' criticism of the President's designation of a personal representative at the Vatican.—United Press.

New Ship to Get Name Of Sunken Serenity

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

The owners of the British vessel Serenity (487 tons) sunk in the North Sea by "enemy" action, have decided to give the same name to a new motor-vessel now under construction for them in shipyards in South-East England.—Reuter.

British Diplomat Captured by Germans Tells of Imprisonment in Reich

Treated with Correctness and Sympathy in Military Prison; Denied Nothing But Freedom

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.

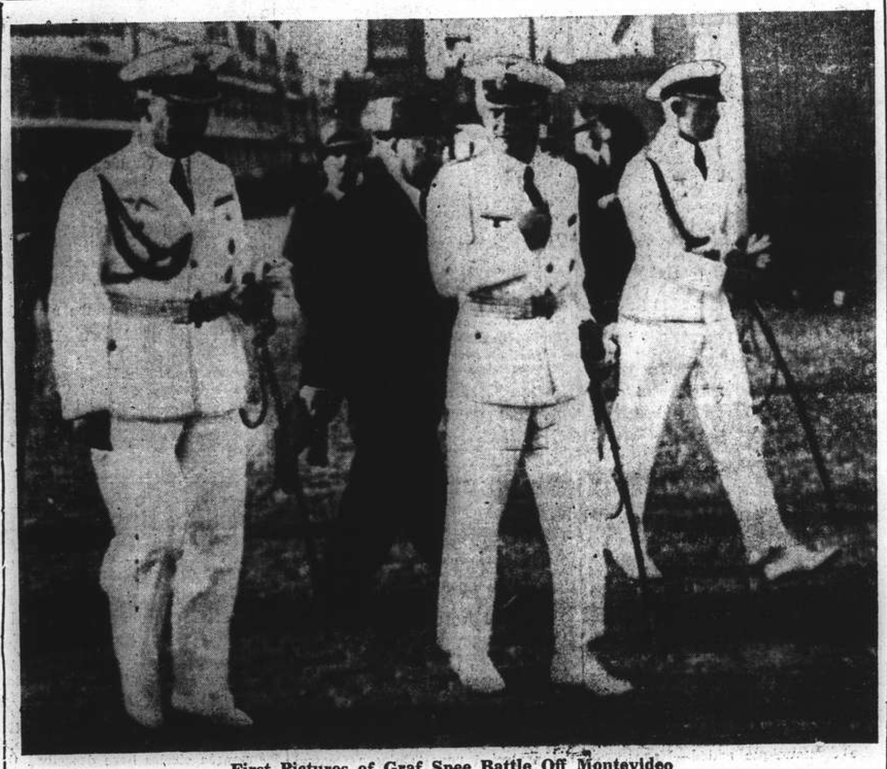
A description of his detention by the Germans was given Gordon Vereker, Acting Counsellor of the British Embassy in Moscow, who was detained in Germany for more than a week after the Estonian vessel, in which he was returning to England, was intercepted by a German warship.

Mr. Vereker said he wanted to go to England via Riga, Sweden and Norway and had, therefore, booked his passage on an Estonian boat which was taking 75 Polish refugees to Sweden. He presumed that no German warship would be met in this part of the Baltic.

"But I underestimated the Germans," Mr. Vereker continued. "We were almost in sight of Stockholm, although still outside territorial waters, when a German auxiliary cruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and ordered us to stop. Germans came aboard and took the passengers prisoners."

Mr. Vereker then described his landing at the German control port of Swinemuende, where he was shut up in the military prison. Although his imprisonment was unpleasant, he said his situation was as agreeable as possible in the circumstances. The Germans treated him with great correctness and sympathy, and denied him nothing but his freedom.

When the order for his release came, he travelled by car to Sassnitz (on the island of Ruegen) and then took a regular boat to Sweden.—Reuter.



First Pictures of Graf Spee Battle Off Montevideo

On this and Page 10 the "North-China Daily News" publishes the first pictures of incidents connected with the battle between the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the three British cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles off Montevideo. As the cables have subsequently reported, it resulted in the eventual scuttling of the Graf Spee and the suicide of the commander, Captain Hans Langsdorf (left) who is seen with an Uruguyan official and his officers as he went ashore at Montevideo from his damaged ship. These pictures through the International News Photo Service represent a record in radiophoto transmission in the Far East, reaching Shanghai, via New York and San Francisco, in 13 days from Montevideo.

Strong Red Reinforcements Being Brought to Front

Long Range Guns Batter Mannerheim Line; Mass Air Raids; Finns Repulse All Attacks

With Finnish Army on Karelian Isthmus, Dec. 28.

WITH renewed vigour, the Russians threw themselves against the Mannerheim Line bastions today as the "Finnish Battle of Verdun" went into its fourth week. Over 270,000 fresh troops, among the Red Army's best, will be brought from the interior of Russia and thrown in the war, Finnish military reports said. The new troops will be composed of three Siberian divisions from arctic regions who are inured to subzero cold and twelve Caucasian divisions accustomed to snow and low temperatures.

Owing to the difficulties in the Soviet transport system, it will be some time before the fresh Red forces can take part in the action here, Finnish military authorities said.

Such large scale movements over long distances will require hundreds of trains and trucks, they said.—United Press.

Mass Raids

Helsinki, Dec. 28.

Southern Finland experienced another day of mass air raids yesterday, when more than 50 bombs were dropped on Tampero (Tammerfors) and Abo. Little damage, however, was done.

At Abo, most bombs fell in the working-class area, wounding several persons, but there were no fatalities.

One person was killed and one wounded at Tampero. Many other towns were also raided.

In the meantime, while the Russians continue to hammer the left wing of the Mannherheim Line, they are using heavy artillery all along the Karelian front, sending shells over Finnish fortifications to objectives behind the lines.

Viborg, particularly, is suffering from a bombardment of these heavy guns, which are estimated to be operating some 25 miles away.

The Soviets have launched wave on wave of violent attacks against the Mannerheim Line, hitherto with little, if any, success.

The intense cold is enabling Soviet tanks and artillery to cross frozen lakes. Such operations, however, must be effected swiftly owing to the vulnerability of troops on ice.

Finnish planes are constantly on the lookout, and mobile patrols are always in readiness to be rushed to menaced spots. A few well-directed bombs on ice have discouraged more than one Soviet attempt to cross ice.

The latest reports from the Salla front declare that the Russians have retreated altogether 50 miles from their most advanced point of ten days ago, when they were nearly half way across the "waist."

The latest Finnish communique states that a further Russian attempt to cross Lake Suvanto has been foiled, but that a new attempt has begun, and the battle continues.

It is claimed that eight tanks were destroyed on the Karelian isthmus yesterday, and eight captured in other parts of the front.

Russian air attacks, it is added, have caused wholly insignificant damage to military objectives, but several civilians have been killed and wounded.—Reuter.

Soviet Generals Said Shot

Paris, Dec. 28.

Three Soviet generals and six other leading Red Army officers have been shot by the Soviet secret police because of the setback suffered in the Finnish campaign, according to a Moscow report quoted by the Paris radio station.—Reuter.

Finns Invade Russia on Skis

With Finn Army on Salla Front, Dec. 28.

Finnish ski patrols have invaded Russian territory, at times more than 50 miles, to harass the Russian troops by carrying out lightning attacks, General Kurt Wallenius, Commander of the North Armies said last night.

Along the Arctic Circle Finnish guerillas have penetrated as far as Kantilahti, a vital Soviet base on the White Sea along the Leningrad-Murmansk railway, the General said.

"We don't let them rest or sleep...," he declared. "The only great power supplying us with arms is Russia. Our men are using Russian arms which they seized....

"The woods are the real scene of the war. You see no troops, yet at the spot we just passed there are 3,000 Finns. There is not one place between Kantalahti and the front where the Russians are safe from attack."

Meanwhile, authorities revealed they have discovered ammunition of German origin on captured Russians.

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Pope Visits King Of Italy

Pomp and Ceremony for First Such Call in 69 Years; Crowds Applaud

Rome, Dec. 28.

Bells of St. Peter's pealed as the Pope left the Vatican this morning for a visit to the King and Queen of Italy at the Quirinal.

The visit, which is the first paid by any Pope to a King of Italy for 69 years, is regarded as the final act sealing the settlement of the ancient dispute between the Italian state and the Vatican.

In the Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano," the significance of the visit as a demonstration of the settlement of disputes by peaceful methods is especially emphasized.

A Royal Mission awaited His Holiness in St. Peter's Square to convey to him the first greetings of King Victor. The Pope and his suite then entered the eighteen cars which formed the Papal cortege.

At the border between the Vatican and Italian territory the Pope was greeted by the Governor of Rome, who made a short address stressing the historical importance of the occasion.

Route Lined by Troops

The route taken by the Pope had been elaborately decorated and lined with troops, behind whom stood great crowds.

The Pope was wearing a scarlet hat and scarlet cape, beneath which he wore a cloak and stole. More than forty high Church and Papal court dignitaries were in the procession.

As the Papal cortege approached the Palace the massed bands played the Papal march, the Italian National Anthem and the Fascist hymn.

The Pope was received at the Palace by the King and Queen, with whom were the heir to the throne, Prince Piedmont, and Princess Piedmont Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and Countess Ciano.

His Holiness, the King and Queen then entered the Throne Room, where three thrones had been set up, and remained for some time in conversation.

Meanwhile the Cardinals mixed freely in the anteroom with court dignitaries. Over the Quirinal the Papal flag and the royal standard of Italy flew side by side.

Long Talk With King

After a long talk with the King and Queen, during which members of the Royal Family and others were presented, the Pope left again for the Vatican.

The event is described here as "the realisation of a dream of the Mussolinian era."—Reuter.

Comment On Pope's Visit

Rome, Dec. 28.

The visit which the Pope made to the King and Queen of Italy today has "no connection with practical problems of war or peace," declares Signor Virginio Gayda, mouthpiece of Signor Mussolini, in an article in the "Giornale d'Italia."

"Italian policy," he adds, "is one of independence and vigilance, but war and peace find the Church of Rome and Italy on identical platforms."—Reuter.

Berlin View

Copenhagen, Dec. 28.

The Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidende" states it is believed in some quarters of the German capital that the object of negotiations between the Vatican and the Italian Government is to develop a stronger front against Communism, and to reply to the continued and reinforced efforts of Moscow to carry through a Bolshevik world revolution.—Reuter.

French Ships Sink Two More U-Boats

Paris, Dec. 28.

The sinking of two more German submarines by French patrol ships during the last three weeks is officially claimed. One of the U-boats is said to have been sunk by the sloop Commandant Duboc, and the other by the destroyers Sirocco and Larailleuse in conjunction with a naval plane. This means that in less than a month three submarines have been accounted for by the Sirocco.—Reuter.

Yangtze Opening Welcomed

Lord Elibank Expresses Hope That Conditions Will Not Be Prohibitive

London, Dec. 28.

Pleasure that the Japanese Government has now officially expressed its intention to reopen the Yangtze River to merchant ships of all nations, and that it hopes soon to reopen as well the Pearl River, is expressed by Lord Elibank, formerly President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, in a letter to "The Times" today.

Lord Elibank says that both these projected measures are of great moment in the present crisis, and that their materialization would be heartily welcome to all those with business interests in the Far East.

He expresses the hope that such reopening will not be surrounded by conditions which may minimize or hamper the concession now to be made, or render both reopenings largely negative in operation owing to the number of rules and regulations attached to them.

"Further," Lord Elibank writes, "it is not too much to ask that the reopening, as far as the Yangtze is concerned, will not stop at Nanking, but that it be rapidly followed by the reopening as well of the upper reaches of the river, where is situated the most fertile district in central China."

"In any event," he adds, "I feel sure that Japan can rely upon the greatest amount of co-operation on the part of all nationals in fulfilling any conditions of the reopening, so long as they are reasonably capable of fulfilment."—Reuter.

Meat Rationing to Be Introduced in England

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

It is understood that announcement of the date on which meat rationing will come into force will be made shortly. Rationing is a national result of the Government's decision to take control of the sale, slaughter and distribution of all home produced meat early in January. The control and rationing of meat is designed to maintain supply throughout the country. No shortage of meat is anticipated.—Reuter.

U.S.-Japanese Relations May Hinge on Cabinet's Position

Washington Watching Development of Tokyo Political Situation; Bitter Press Comment

Washington, Dec. 27.

THE difficult situation of the Japanese Cabinet, which has been asked to resign by some quarters, is being watched with the utmost interest in diplomatic circles here.

Although the opposition to the Cabinet is based mostly on divergencies in matters of domestic policy, these quarters consider that the problem of relations between Tokyo and Washington is, in present circumstances, an element for the future of the Japanese Government which cannot be neglected.

Conversations between Tokyo and Washington remain confined to questions of a general order and, for the time being, cannot be considered as negotiations.

The attitude of the United States Government is still one of expectancy and no decision has yet been made in Washington regarding the relations between Washington and Tokyo following the expiration of the treaty of commerce and navigation on January 26, 1940.

Regarding purely commercial negotiations, there are indications that some officials of the State Department favour a temporary *modus vivendi*.

Official quarters in Washington have adopted a most reserved attitude and refuse to comment in any way on the subject.

This reticence is attributed by observers here to the precarious position of the Japanese Cabinet in the Diet, and also to the strong desire prevailing in official quarters not to influence Japanese policy in any way.—Havas.

U.S. Firmness Advocated

New York, Dec. 28.

The New York "Daily News" yesterday announced its opposition to any acquiescence by the United States to the establishment of a *modus vivendi* upon the termination of the Japanese-American trade pact.

"The only thing the Japanese military mind understands is firmness and strength," the newspaper said in an editorial. "The way to put the squeeze on the Japanese jingoes is to clap an embargo on raw materials as soon as the treaty expires and keep it in force until the Japanese Government agrees to drop the Chinese war."

The "Daily News" warned that otherwise Japan would organize China as a huge arsenal warehouse and man power reservoir and menace western civilization.—United Press.

Modus Vivendi Objected To

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Strong objections to the reported American intention of making a proposed *modus vivendi* between the United States and Japan cancellable unilaterally without notice were voiced in authoritative Japanese circles today.

The inclusion of such a provision in the projected instrument would place American-Japanese trade relations on a day-to-day basis, they pointed out. Such uncertainty would entail heavy losses by business men on both sides as they would be reluctant to make long-term commitments in such circumstances, these quarters declared.

Japan's readiness to enter into immediate conversations for the conclusion of a *modus vivendi* with the United States to assure a continued legal basis for trade between the two countries was understood to have been communicated to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, by Mr. Kensuke Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, in their interview last Saturday.

Time Insufficient

The Japanese envoy was further reported to have stated that his Government was agreeable to the conclusion of such a temporary agreement only because time was insufficient to conduct negotiations for a revision of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Japan and the United States expiring on January 26.

A proposal for the opening of negotiations for a new treaty as soon as talks for a *modus vivendi* are begun was also understood to have been made by Mr. Horinouchi.

The immediate cancellation provision in the proposed *modus vivendi*, referred to in American dispatches as the "good behaviour clause" indicating that the Washington authorities intended to use it as a means to bring pressure to bear upon Japan in their dealings with Tokyo regarding China, was held here to be unjust in that it would nullify the spirit of a *modus vivendi* which accorded a legal basis for trade between the two countries.—Domei.

Announcement Misconstrued

Washington, Dec. 28.

Reports from Tokyo today saying Japanese shipping will be subject to greatly increased harbour dues and lighthouse fees when the Japanese-American 1911 trade treaty expires on January 26, 1940, were inaccurate, it was pointed out here.

The Department of Commerce, it was exphasized, five days ago announced that the United States would not apply discriminatory tonnage taxes or lighthouse dues, although President Roosevelt theoretically is empowered to do so.

The Government officially ordered that the Department of Commerce announcement be not envoked unless

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Admiral Byrd Reaches Wellington on Journey to Little America

Visited Pitcairn Island; Other Islanders Unaware Of Any War in the World at Present

Wellington, N.Z., Dec. 28.

Admiral Richard Byrd, the famous explorer, has arrived here unexpectedly aboard his Polar exploration ship North Star, which left Boston on November 15, en route to the Antarctic.

He is heading the first Antarctic expedition sponsored by the United States Government in a hundred years, and is bound for Little America, near the South Pole, where he intends to claim for the United States land he has already explored, which he believes may provide a new and safer base for an air service between the United States and Australia.

The trip from the United States was uneventful until the ship ran into a gale, but the vessel and its cargo, including a huge snow cruiser, were not damaged.

Christmas Day was missed by crossing the International date line, but the festival was nevertheless celebrated with an exchange of gifts and carol singing.

The expedition called at Pitcairn Island, where they found that the inhabitants had an adequate supply of food to see them through until a supply ship arrived.

Admiral Byrd also called at Rapa, near Pitcairn Island, where the inhabitants had previously been unaware that war had broken out.—Reuter.

Radio-Balloons To Be Used

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 28.

Balloons equipped with automatic radio transmittors will be used by meteorologists attached to Admiral Richard Byrd's expedition to the Antarctic, to record atmospheric conditions at various heights. This was revealed here today by Dr. Paul Siple, a member of the expedition. Aircraft will also be used in this work.

Dr. Siple is optimistic regarding the possibility of obtaining accurate weather forecasts through observation in the Antarctic.—Reuter.

Political Leaders Back Cabinet

Censure Vote Against Japanese Government Not Given Support

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Leaders of five political parties who pledged their support to the Abe Cabinet announced today that they were not joining the anti-administration campaign started on Tuesday by 250 Diet members. At the same time they announced that they would not attempt to ban the movement.

Government leaders, meantime, apparently confident that the Cabinet would pull through the Diet session successfully, were paying more attention to mapping a plan to stabilize the national market.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" today reported that Mr. Kurahei Yuasa, Lord Keeper of the Party Privy Seal, told the Premier, Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, to continue his duties as prime minister, despite the suggestion that he and his Cabinet members resign. The Premier and Mr. Yuasa conferred for more than an hour yesterday morning.

Other Officials Consulted

In addition to the conference with Mr. Yuasa, Gen. Abe consulted Vice-Admiral Takuo Godoh, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Naoshi Obara, Minister of the Interior; and Mr. Kakichi Kawarada, Minister of Education, prior to today's Cabinet meeting.

After these conferences, Gen. Abe and Cabinet members were apparently satisfied that the criticism of the administration by the 250 Diet members was based on a mere difference of opinion.

That the Government was paying close attention to other matters was shown at a press conference yesterday afternoon called by Mr. Ryusaku Endo, Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, at which revised price control policies of the Government were explained.

Government's Six Points

The policies emphasized six points:

1. The Government's efforts would be redoubled to remove the harmful effects of the trend of increasing prices.

2. Special attention would be paid to preventing any ill effects from the enforcement of the mobilization programme.

3. The Government would take adequate and effective measures to forestall price increases in such daily necessities as rice, cereals, bean paste, charcoal, matches, fish and soy beans.

4. Measures would be taken to prevent an increase in wages and salaries, fearing that this might result in inflation.

5. Special measures would be adopted to alleviate any possible suffering as a consequence of the programme to restrict increases in wages and salaries.

6. The Government would re-examine the machinery for the enforcement of Government price policies.

The Government yesterday informed the Price Control Commission that it expected to order 10 per cent. price neductions in low-giade salt for home consumption. By the lowering of wholesale salt prices to effect reductions in retail prices, the Government Monopoly Bureau will lose approximately Y.4,500,000 a year in revenue. This loss will be made up, however, by the recent increase in tobacco prices.—Domei.

H.M. Ambassador Visits Chungking

Tientsin Issues to Be Discussed

London, Dec. 28.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, will reach Chungking in the next few days on one of his periodical visits and will discuss current questions with the Chinese Government, including various suggestions for the solution of the Tientsin issues, says a special commentary here today.

No agreement on these issues, it adds, has yet been reached between the British and Japanese Governments.

The statement by the Japanese newspaper "Asahi," that "everything depends on the British attitude," the commentary asserts, is manifestly incorrect, since the outcome also depends upon the views of the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

It is, of course, the object of the Ambassador's visit to Chungking to obtain, if possible, the consent of the Chinese Government to some reasonable arrangement which will dispose of this troublesome question, the commentary concludes.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rate yesterday, was as follows:—

Sterling ....4 3/32d. U.S.$ ....7 31/32c.

Silver Quotations

London, Dec. 28.

Silver prices advanced today, the quotations being:—

	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
London spot	22½d.	22 11/16 d.
„ forward	22 11/16 d.	22 7/8d.
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Russians Growing Restive

Leaders' Conspiracy of Silence Failing; Moscow Beginning to Worry

London, Dec. 28.

The conspiracy of silence by Soviet leaders to hide from the Russian people that their army in Finland has suffered reverses, is failing, according to the Moscow correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

During these last few days, despite M. Stalin's birthday and the equally flower-decked ceremony of local Soviet elections of unopposed candidates, the war feeling has become alive in Moscow.

You could feel, the correspondent says, a secret tension in the streets, the strain of those hiding their real feelings.

This is because they are beginning to hear about the many casualties suffered by the Soviet army in what had originally been presented to them as a mere manhunt of Finnish policemen by a vastly superior Soviet expeditionary force.

They have heard that Leningrad hospitals are full, and that schools in that city are being closed, partly as an air-raid precaution but possibly to provide space for beds.

They have heard that at various points on the Leningrad-Moscow Railway local hospitals are filling up.

They have heard that the wounded are actually being shunted around in Moscow.

Finally, it is reported that one at least of Moscow's biggest hospitals is being evacuated of its civilian patients.—Reuter.

THE CINEMA

"The Real Glory"

Gary Cooper	Doctor Canavan
Andrea Leeds	Linda Hartley
David Niven	Lieut. McCool
Reginald Owen	Capt. Hartley
Broderick Crawford	Lieut. Larson
Kay Johnson	Mrs. Manning
Russell Hicks	Capt. Manning
Vladimir Sokoloff	The Datu
Benny Inocencio	Miguel
Ruby Robles	Lieut. Yabo
Tetsu Komai	Alipang
Roy Gordon	Col. Hatch
Henry Kolker	The General

Samuel Goldwyn rarely makes a mistake and his latest effort, "The Real Glory," the Nanking's current attraction, is worth two hours of anybody's time. As dramatic as the crack of a machine-gun, this story tells in stark simplicity one of the many phases of that period that troubled the Philippine Islands following the evacuation of the American troops after the Spanish-American War. On one side are the savage Moros with their hatred of everything that spells peace and order for years to come, and on the other the remnants of Uncle Sam's soldiers and the beginnings of what has now grown into the world famed Philippine Constabulary. It is a struggle between upholders of law and order and a band of fanatic tribesmen, led by a ruthless chief to whom the lives of few or many are not even worth considering. The picture moves at a rare pace and as one would expect, the natives are eventually subdued, but only after pestilence, disease, innumerable killings and every other conceivable trouble have taken their toll of the always dwindling strength of the tiny encampment the jungle-dwelling Moros desire to annihilate. A judicious vein of romance runs through the presentation and although Gary Cooper takes the lion's share of the honours, two points stand out in bold relief. First, the photography is perfect and quite often the intrigued spectator almost believes he is part and parcel of the background, so realistic is everything, while secondly and by no means least, is the splendid support lent the foreign actors and actresses by the native cast. As natural as they are in real life, the picture could never have been a success without their timely efforts and to them are due many thanks for a high-class performance. Mr. Sokoloff portrays a difficult role with ease and Mr. Komai as the hated Moro chief, Alipang, does just as well. A picture that must not be missed. —P.B.G.

"The Wizard of Oz"

Dorothy	Judy Garland
Professor Marvel	Frank Morgan
"Hunk"	Ray Bolger
"Zeke"	Bert Lahr
"Hickory"	Jack Haley
Glinda	Billie Burke
Miss Gulch	Margaret Hamilton
Uncle Henry	Charley Grapewin
Nikko	Pat Walshe
Auntie Em	Clara Blandick
Toto	Toto

The trouble with many of these so-called super films, whose arrival for public screening in this city has been heralded far and wide by an advertising campaign that would do credit to Barnum himself, is that they fail to reach the standard which has been set for them by the publicity merchants in Hollywood. Not so "The Wizard of Oz," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest production to be shown in Shanghai, which opened at the Roxy Theatre yesterday. Here is a film which has cost thousands of dollars to make—money well spent, though; not a cent wasted. It is a grand spectacle and it has a grand cast. It is in technicolor. It will delight the children and will please grown-ups even more. It is a film that should not be missed, for rarely has there ever been such a lavish spectacle as this. Taken from the well-known story by L. Frank Baum, the producers cast Miss Judy Garland in the role of Dorothy, the little girl who is transported to that wonderful place called Munchkinland and to the palace of the wizard at Oz. In the role of the cowardly lion they placed Mr. Bert Lahr. His costume is spectacular and his comedy antics are typical Lahr nonsense. Mr. Frank Morgan was Professor Marvel, Mr. Ray Bolger, the lovable scarecrow, and Mr. Jack Haley, the tin man. As the good witch Miss Billie Burke flitted here and there most gracefully, while Margaret Hamilton, as the wicked witch, was enough to scare even the most non hearted. Spectacular scenes included a tornado that whisked the little girl from Kansas to a land beyond the rainbow, Munchkinland, land of the merry midgets, the palace of the wizard and many more, too numerous to mention. In addition there were several gay songs. It was, indeed, a pleasing production.—P.S.

"The Housekeeper's Daughter"

Hilda	Joan Bennett
Deakon Maxwell	Adolphe Menjou
Robert Randall	John Hubbard
Ed O'Malley	William Gargan
Benny	George E. Stone
Olga	Peggy Wood
Eunor Wilson	Donald Meek
Floyd	Marc Lawrence
Gladys	Illan Bond
Lefty	Victor Mature
Professor Randall	John Hyams
Mrs. Randall	Lella McIntyre
Veroni	Luis Alberni
Mrs. Veroni	Rosina Galli

"The Housekeeper's Daughter" which opened at the Metropol Theatre yesterday has a misleading title but is otherwise the best film centring around newspaper work and crime, that has left Hollywood in many a month. There is not only crime, however, nor is the audience expected to gaze at the interior of a large newspaper's editorial offices all the time. There are no dramatic conversations over the telephone, but when a call is made it is not only important but at times most amusing. There is no dramatic climax except for the fact that two happily-married couples emerge from a series of thrilling, exciting and quite unlikely occurrences, which succeed the mysterious death of a famous theatre star on a house-boat. Mr. Adolphe Menjou, veteran of the silent and talking picture, plays the part of the routine police reporter while at his side is Ed O'Malley (Mr. William Gargan) a press photographer who is more accustomed to speak than to make the shutter work. Dark-haired Miss Joan Bennett in the double-part of a tool in the hands of gangsters and as the daughter of the housekeeper of the wealthy Randell home, is excellent, too, but at times it appears that she is not acting the part the way she might have cared to and seems rather to have followed the director's instructions too much to the letter. Mr. George E. Stone as Benny a feeble-minded, underdeveloped little man who by serving "coffee" is intent on committing what he considers justifiable homicides, plays his part with unusual mastery, particularly because he seems to be unfortunate enough never to poison the persons he wishes to, while others who in his opinion are innocent, must suffer.—A.S.I.

"Angels with Dirty Faces"

'Rocky' Sullivan	James Cagney
Jerry Connolly	Pat O'Brien
James Frazier	Humphrey Bogart
Laury Ferguson	Ann Sheridan
Mac Keefer	George Bancroft
'Soapy'	Billy Halop
'Swing'	Bobby Jordan
'Bim'	Leo Gorcey
'Pasty'	Gabriel Dell
'Crab'	Huntz Hall
'Hunky'	Bernard Punsley
Steve	Joe Downing
Edwards	Edward Pawley

When "Rocky" Sullivan and Jerry Connolly, two young products of New York's notorious Hell's Kitchen, were making a getaway after robbing a freight car, "Rocky" was captured by the police because he could not run as fast as Jerry. "Rocky's" subsequent conviction led him into a life of crime, but his young comrade Jerry grew up to become Parish Priest of the slum district where they were born. Their paths cross later in life while "Rocky" is the gangster idol of the youth of the neighbourhood which Father Connolly is trying to lead into the straight and narrow path. This forms the theme of Warner Brothers' powerful drama "Angels With Dirty Faces," which commenced its belated run at the Grand yesterday. The role of a ruthless killer is nothing new to Mr. James Cagney, who plays the part of "Rocky" Sullivan with an ease born of long practice, while Mr. Pat O'Brien displays wonderful restraint in the part of the Parish Priest. The Dead End Kids are their usual tough selves, while Mr. Humphrey Bogart departs from his customary role of a hardened criminal a trifle to play the part of Frazier, the crooked lawyer. Miss Ann Sheridan has a rather unobtrusive part as Laury Ferguson, "Rocky's" sweetheart and Mr. George Bancroft appears once more as a gangster in the role of Mac Keefer, boss of the city's underworld.

A short Vitaphone musical variety, released in 1937, and a colour cartoon precede the feature attraction.—T.A.B.

FUNERAL

Mr. Clement Pedersen Berge

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Hungjao Road Cemetery for the late Mr. Clement Pedersen Berge, a Norwegian subject who died at his home last Sunday. Mr. Berge was 52 years of age and a retired Chinese Maritime Customs officer. The coffin, upon which was placed a heart of flowers from "Wife and June", was carried to the grave by Messrs. P. A. Kulstad, H. H. Olsen, S. A. Magnussen, S. F. Appleton, A. Skolberg and H. A. Keane. The services inside the Chapel and at the grave were conducted by Dr. John L. Caughey of the Community Church. Among those sending floral tributes were:—

Wife and June; the Norwegian Consulate General; the Executive Staff, Chinese Maritime Customs; the Customs Club, Chinese Maritime Customs; Staff of the Chocolate Shop, Nanking Road; Office Staff Chocolate Shop Main Store; Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Ahlgren; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Adlington and family; Mr. J. E. Fox and Mr. B. T. Belcher; Mrs S. Barnhardt; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Coxall; Mr. Clark and family; Mrs. F. Cherry; Mr. and Mrs. T. Daly and family; Capt. and Mrs. M. Foyn and family; A. G. Grondahl; Mrs. S. H. Goodwin and family; Mrs. M. M. Gabb and family; Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Gibbons Mr. M. B. Hoffman; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Halgord; Mrs. Ho Tai Kum; F. L. Harrison; Mrs. O. A. Kemp; Mrs. P. R. Kabbert and family; Loh-Koo; Mr. Frances Lee; Mrs. R. B. Martin and family; Elsie Moller; Mrs. Nicholson and Edna; Rev. Johan Nielsen; Mr. and Mrs. Price and family; Mrs. A. Pedder; S. Rendle; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stock and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stemp and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith; G. Black and A. Skoberg; Julia Chow Woo; Mary Ho; Annie Chen; and others.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the International Funeral Directors.

U.S., Italy Exchange Christmas Greetings

Washington, Dec. 28.

President Roosevelt and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, exchanged New Year greetings in which Mr. Roosevelt expressed the hope that the Italian people would enjoy the peace and happiness next year "which we all so greatly desire," the State Department announced last night.—United Press.

NINE Salisbury bus conductors refused to buy a sovereign for 6d. They had never seen a sovereign before and thought it was a foreign coin. A conductor reported that he had been given a "foreign" coin during the black-out. When, however, an older conductor offered £1, he realised its true worth.

Strong Red Reinforcements Being Brought To Front

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Salla has become the most important front in the war, except for the Karelian front, since the Russians have massed 300,000 men here. The Finns claim to have driven the Russians back to the line where the Finns strategically retreated during the first week of the war.

It was officially announced that the Russians were driven back 53 miles in three days and that 5,000 Russians had been killed.

There was heavy snowfall in the Petsamo district all Tuesday night and visibility was very poor yesterday.—United Press.

Mongolian Troops in Finland

Moscow, Dec. 28.

Mongolian and Buriat (southern Siberian) troops are now fighting on the Finnish front, it was reported today.

The troops are fighting under native officers. It is known that in the last two years the Soviet authorities have been increasing the number of non-Russian officers, considering them to be sufficiently assimilated.—Havas.

Russian Communique

Moscow, Dec. 28.

Nothing of importance took place in Finland on December 27, this morning's official Soviet communique announced. "The Soviet air force effected a few reconnaissance flights," the communique added.—Havas.

Norway Sympathetic

Olso, Dec. 28.

"Norway is not incapable of answering to an appeal to the heart for material and humanitarian aid to a country which is the victim of aggression, especially if that country is one of our peaceful neighbours," declared the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. H. Koht, in a radio address today. The Foreign Minister concluded that: "The unwavering policy of Norway will always be one of peace and neutrality."—Havas.

Finnish Mission in U.S.A.

Washington, Dec. 27.

Demarches for the purchase of several hundred anti-aircraft guns and anti-tank guns have already been made in the United States by the visiting Finnish mission headed by Lieutenant-General Nentonen.

However, in the course of a meeting with a high official of the War Department, General Nentonen was informed that, for the time being, the U.S. Army itself is short of the material required by the Finns, and that private concerns find it difficult to cope with the orders placed by the War Department.

Nevertheless, General Nentonen following the meeting seemed satisfied and stated that he had no doubts that the War Department would cooperate with the Finnish mission as much as it could.—Havas.

Violent Snowstorm

Helsinki, Dec. 27.

A violent snowstorm swept over northern Finland today, greatly hampering military operations.

A number of cases of Soviet soldiers being frozen to death due to insufficient equipment were reported by Soviet deserters.

They also declared that ammunition and food supplies are being prevented from reaching the front by the abominable weather conditions.

Short flights were nevertheless undertaken by Soviet planes over Finnish territory, the main objective being Finland's communication lines, which were bombed without success throughout the morning.

An air raid warning was sounded in Helsinki from 12.45 p.m. to 2 p.m. today but no planes were sighted. Soviet planes were seen flying by inhabitants in the districts west of the capital.

Meanwhile, Helsinki's anti-aircraft defences have been strengthened considerably. New air raid shelters have been constructed, some of them with room enough for 3,000 people. Each shelter has been equipped with adequate first aid kits. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance during air raids in every one of them.—Havas.

Soviet Minister Said Shot

Helsinki, Dec. 27.

M. Vladimir Derevianski, former Soviet Minister to Helsinki, has been shot by order of the Soviet authorities, reliable Swedish reports claimed today.

The reason for his execution is said to be the assurance he gave his Government that Finland would not fight in defence of her rights in face of a Soviet threat. This assurance encouraged Moscow to launch the present unsuccessful campaign in Finland.

He was immediately sentenced to death upon his return to Moscow from Helsinki and the order for his execution was carried out at once.

In this connection it is emphasized here that the staff of the Soviet Legation in Helsinki was composed of unskilled, inexperienced diplomats who were handicapped by the fact that they spoke only Russian. These diplomats dispatched reports to Moscow of a highly tendencious character.—Havas.

U.S. Denial

Washington, Dec. 28.

The Department of State last night denied London reports that the United States intends to order Americans to leave Russia and then sever diplomatic relations.—United Press.

S. Americans to Aid Finland

Geneva, Dec. 28.

Colombia, Uruguay, San Domingo and Liberia, answering the League of Nation's today reaffirmed the need for extension of help to Finland by all means possible.—United Press.

French Seize 402,000 Tons of Merchandise

Paris, Dec. 28.

France has seized 402,000 tons of German merchandise or goods destined for Germany from a total of 217 ships since the blockade against Germany was put into effect on the outbreak of war, it was officially announced today. Meanwhile, official reports from London said that the British Government last week seized 6,828 tons of merchandise, making a total of 516,704 tons since the start of the war.—United Press.

U.S.-Japanese Relations May Hinge on Cabinet's Position

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new conditions required the United States to take such action. Officials here believed that Tokyo quarters apparently misconstrued the official announcement.—United Press.

No Treaty in Sight

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The Premier, General Nobuyuki Abe, today admitted that it was difficult to see a new Japanese-American treaty signed prior to January 26, 1940, when the 1911 treaty expires. He made this admission during an interview with Japanese newspapermen.

Although failing to mention establishment of a *modus vivendi*, Gen. Abe said he hoped "expedient measures" will be instituted by both nations in order to take care of the period during which there would be no treaty.

The Premier said that Japan was prepared to assure the country of a supply of necessary raw materials even if an American embargo against Japan were instituted. The Premier, however, did not go into details as to how well Japan was prepared.

He added that the reopening of the Yangtze River to third Power navigation had been long contemplated and that the recent announcement of such a decision was not a political step.

The Premier indicated that he had no intention of resigning at the present time. He said that he expected the projected new "Chinese Central Government" to be established in the "very near future." He added that he fully intended to remain Premier until the establishment of such a régime.—United Press.

Optimism Unjustified

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Warning its readers to guard against any optimistic views regarding the Japanese-American treaty situation, the "Asahi Shimbun," in a leading article today, declares that such views are unwarranted.

"In case of a large breach in the traditional Japanese-American friendship," the newspaper asserts, "responsibility would lie with the unreciprocal attitude of the United States."

The "Asahi" then goes on to say that in the interview between the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, which took place on December 22, Mr. Grew said that before opening discussion on the trade pact question, he wished to resume deliberations on various issues which might prove an obstacle to the settlement of the trade pact question.

"Specifically," says the "Asahi," "Mr. Grew wanted to know if Japan will discontinue its exchange control and monopolistic activities with the cessation of hostilities in China.

"The American Government, Mr. Grew told Admiral Nomura, wishes to obtain Japan's guarantees that American nationals in China would enjoy the same status as the Japanese in their economic and religious activities.

Open Door Important

"The American Government also attaches the greatest importance to Japan's commitments with respect to the principle of the open door and equal opportunity in China."

The "Asahi" then reveals that Mr. Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, on December 23 proposed to Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, the conclusion of a provisional trade agreement, pending the negotiation of a permanent trade treaty.

"Nevertheless, the American Government recommended a moral embargo on the export of light metals, gasoline and machinery to Japan," the "Asahi" declares.

"Therefore, the objective of the United States would seem to be to keep itself free to resort to an export ban against Japan whenever it deems fit.

"Assurances given regarding American tariff and other taxes do not necessarily mean the manifestation of a friendly spirit, and the undercurrent Japanese-American relations are not necessarily of a cheerful and constructive nature," the "Asahi" adds.

Japanese Press Annoyed

Notwithstanding Japanese officialdom's statements that political considerations have not in any way affected Japan's intention to reopen the lower Yangtze, the Japanese press is showing increasing acrimony at Washington's deafness to Japanese proposals to negotiate a new trade pact forthwith, or at least a temporary extension of the present trade treaty.

The Japanese decision to reopen the Yangtze, "despite opposition from various quarters," is described by the "Kokumin Shimbun" as a "great sacrifice."

The newspaper reveals that the Counsellor of the United States Embassy called at the Foreign Office on December 26 and made representations that recent optimistic statements by the Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Y. Suma, had given the impression that Japan and the United States had entered into negotiations for the conclusion of a new trade pact.

Contrary to Facts

This, the Counsellor is alleged to have said, was entirely contrary to facts, and the United States might find it necessary to correct any misunderstanding entertained by the public.

The "Kokumin" remarks that the representations ensure that Japanese-American relations will enter a non-treaty era on January 26, with certain tax exemptions for Japanese trade which can be abrogated unilaterally at any time the United States sees fit.

"Thus," the newspaper adds, "it has become clear that, with the trade pact as a weapon, the United States Government has taken up an attitude of interfering with Japan's construction of a new order in East Asia.

"The important significance of the opening of the Yangtze has been entirely trampled on by the United States, exposing the incapacity of Admiral's Nomura's diplomacy."—Reuter.

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Way to Put Teeth in Neutrality Statute

Arms Embargo Against All Violators Suggested

Washington, Dec. 28.

Mr. Melvin J. Maas, Republican Representative from Minnesota, announced yesterday that he would introduce a bill to the House of Representatives next week asking that the arms embargo be invoked against any belligerent violating United States neutrality.

"It will put teeth in the neutrality statute," he declared, "by containing the necessary provisions to enforce the American safety zone as well as our own neutrality."

The bill would prohibit the sale of planes and munitions and deny port privileges to combatants or armed merchant-ships to violator nations.—United Press.

Japanese, Russians Talk Over Fishery Issue

Negotiations for New Convention Proceed

Moscow, Dec. 28.

Mr. S. Togo, Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, and M. Viacheslav Molotov, Foreign Commissar, conferred for four hours here yesterday on problems connected with Tokyo negotiations for a new fishing convention.

Japanese circles here described the situation as delicate, although the tenor of the conversation was not known.

Meanwhile, it was announced that preliminary talks had been concluded at Chita regarding the demarcation of the Outer-Mongolia-Manchoukuo border. It was said the new lines between the two territories will probably be marked next spring.

Negotiations will be resumed at Harbin on January 7.—United Press.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Hei Jen Ya Kiao; 2, Last Hay.
Also ran:—Harvard, Sam Holer, The Mate, Swallow.
3 lengths.—Time, 18.49.
Win, $9.40. Forecast (6-1) Div. $63.30.
Place, 1st $9.50; 2nd $13.70.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Maskee Lose; 2, Old Joker.
Also ran:—Pai Koo, The Stowaway, Dopey, Wee Dell.
2 lengths.—Time, 27.18.
Win, $17.80. Forecast (2-6) Div. $148.50.
Place, 1st $9.50; 2nd $16.20.
Double Event 1/2 (6-2) Div. $22.10.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Real Wizard; 2, Macqueen.
Also ran:—Open Blade, Rough Clara, Cannon Fire, Ruddy Sue.
4 lengths.—Time, 26.39.
Win, $34.70. Forecast (2-3) Div. $187.40.
Place, 1st $13.60; 2nd $14.40.
Double Event 2/3 (2-2) Div. $31.80.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Se You Kee; 2, Paying Teller.
Also ran:—Five Stars II, Charming Lee, State Lottery, Princeton.
Short head.—Time, 31.21.
Win, $20.50. Forecast (6-4) Div. $49.30.
Place, 1st $10.60; 2nd $7.80.
Double Event 3/4 (2-6) Div. $99.20.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, L'Ousta No; 2, Brass Hat.
Also ran:—Mascot Major, Chop Suey, Livex, Humpty Dumpty.
½ length.—Time, 30.58.
Win, $43.90. Forecast (2-4) Div. $137.80.
Place, 1st $17.90; 2nd $10.10.
Double Event 4/5 (6-2) Div. $73.20.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Telresias; 2, Mars.
Also ran:—Mss Malone, Bell Boy, Jorrock's Our Hope.
Short head.—Time, 30.46.
Win, $18.30. Forecast (6-5) Div. $42.30.
Place, 1st $7.90; 2nd $7.20.
Double Event 5/6 (2-6) Div. $36.80.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Clever Girl; 2, Distinction.
Also ran:—Our Gift, Triumphant Tom, Old Chap, Eumaeus.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.19.
Win, $30.30. Forecas (1-2) Div. $219.20.
Place, 1st $17.40; 2nd $11.60.
Double Event 6/7 (6-1) Div. $48.10.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Don Juan; 2, Fresh Brew.
Also ran:—Star Boy, Philco, Shanghai Shroff, Maid of Honour.
½ length.—Time, 30.33.
Win, $20.70. Forecast (4-2) Div. $165.20.
Place, 1st $9.00; 2nd $13.70.
Double Event 7/ (1-4) Div. $94.70.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Wild Girl; 2, Chihi Gazelle.
3 lengths.—Time, 30.03.
Win, $27.80. Forecast (1-2) Div. $345.60.
Place, 1st $20.80; 2nd $17.70.
Double Event 8/9 (4-1) Div. $74.40.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Mercedes; 2, Luhai Lass.
½ length.—Time, 30.13.
Win, $38.60. Forecast (5-2) Div. $216.80.
Place, 1st $25.50; 2nd $15.40.
Double Event 9/10 (1-5) Div. $295.80.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Chihli Blue Fox; 2, Valencia.
1 length.—Time, 29.69.
Win, $12.00. Forecast (4-5) Div. $63.80.
Place, 1st $8.60; 2nd $11.00.
Double Event 10/11 (5-4) Div. $37.10.

A Wise Precaution When Travelling.

Travellers often experience a temporary derangement of health due to the changed routine of daily life, change of air and change of diet. When travelling, therefore, it is a wise precaution to carry a vial of Pinkettes with you, whereby speedily to restore normal intestinal regularity and healthy well-being.

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French Budget Estimates Voted by French Senate

Position Better Than During Last War

Paris, Dec. 28.

The Senate unanimously voted today the estimates of the "ordinary budget" for the fiscal year of 1940. The total revenue amounts to 79,247,000,000 Francs and the total expenditure to 78,919,000,000 Francs.

Senator Abel Gardey, of the Finance Committee of the Senate, stated that the total expenditure which includes the extraordinary war-budget may reach 300,000,000,000 Francs next year.

Pointing out that the present position of the French finances was stronger than in 1914, he stated that in times of war the government must have recourse to loans since taxation alone could not possibly cover all war needs.

M. Paul Reynaud, Minister of Finance, then explained that bearing of the financial agreement signed by Sir John Simon, British Chancellor of the Exchequer and himself, which provides for the division between Great Britain and France, of the common expenses of the two countries, including the upkeep of the Polish army. He specified also that this agreement is already applying to the assistance given to Finland by the Allies.—Havas.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

"Miss Gladys A. Saile is passing through Shanghai today en route to Hongkong and is staying at the Metropole Hotel."

Mrs. Despard, the famous Suffragette leader, died at Whitehead, County Antrim, on November 9, at the age of 95. She was a sister of the late Lord French, who later became Viscount Ypres.

The shipping and passport office of the Japanese Consulate-General will be closed from today to next Wednesday, January 3, it was announced yesterday. The office will resume business on Thursday, January 4, the announcement added.

A PAPER marked secret and confidential is said to have been recently circulated at the War Office. It ran as follows: "Officers working at the War Office are reminded that they have been made temporary members of the Royal Automobile Club."

THE Wednesday Group of the British Women's Association First Aid Classes are advised that they should meet for A.R.P. lectures on Thursday, January 11, with the Thursday Group. There will be no more classes on Wednesdays during this session.

COLONEL and Mrs. DeWitt Peck and their daughter, Elizabeth, departed from Los Angeles, California on 16 December aboard the President Coolidge. They are due to arrive in Shanghai on January 2 and will take up temporary residence at the Cathay Mansions.

SPINACH pudding, with horseradish sauce, figures among 40 new dishes exhibited by the German Tourist Association in Berlin. The dishes include cabbage doughnuts, sea mussel steak, potato rissoles with red cabbage, sauerkraut pie, and apple noodles with pickled cabbage.

COL. L. Grenier, departing commander of French troops in Shanghai, paid a farewell call on Col. J. W. Hornby, commandant of the S.V.C., at S.V.C. Headquarters in Foochow Road at 11.45 o'clock yesterday morning. A guard of honour was provided by the Russian Regiment, S.V.C.

PROFESSOR Sir Frederick Keeble, Controller of Horticulture Food Production in the last war, recommends Viper's Grass, "a much neglected vegetable. Everybody should cultivate it." Sir Frederick told Royal Institution members recently. "It grows like a weed and cooks easily in salted water."

THE Chevrons Club, which during the last war provided 82,000 beds and 145,000 meals for petty officers and N.C.O.s. is to be extended at 74-76, St. George's square, S.W.1. The Duke of Connaught, Lord Chatfield, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, General Sir Edmund Ironside, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall have together signed an appeal for funds for the club.

MR. Max T. Stewart, Acting Canadian Trade Commissioner in Shanghai, who has been transferred to Tokyo, left in the Tjitjalengka for Manila yesterday, and will afterwards proceed to his new post in Japan. On Wednesday, Mr. Stewart was host at an informal cocktail party at the Country Club to introduce Major V. E. Duclos, his successor who recently arrived from Hongkong, and Mrs. Duclos. A large number of people representing the diplomatic, official and business life of Shanghai attended.

RAINBOW "woollies" for the men in the Forces are barred from now on. Only service shades will be allowed. The Wool Control has decided that from December 6 the special supplies of tops released to meet the increased demand for "comforts" will be issued only on an assurance that the yarn produced will be spun in khaki, dark navy, Air Force blue, or military grey. White for hospital purposes, will also be permitted. This is to ensure that the supplies are used only for the purpose intended.

DR. Shigemi Hijikata, dean of the Economic Department of the Tokyo Imperial University, will succeed Mr. Yozo Ouchi as president of Tung Wen University here, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. Mr. Ouchi recently signified his intention to resign, the newspaper recalled. Dr. Hijikata was chosen by Prince Ayamaro Konoye, president of the Privy Council, who is also the head of the Tung Wen Society which operates the University, in consultation with other officials of the Society. A rightist in his opinions, Dr. Hijikata was the centre of an academic storm in the Tokyo Imperial University a few years ago.

THE Nizam of Hyderabad's £100,000 gift to the R.A.F. has been used to form a fighter squadron. This is the second time in 20 years that a Royal Air Force squadron has borne his name. Pilots from Britain and nearly all the Dominions are in the newly formed unit. The squadron leader joined an auxiliary squadron as an air gunner immediately he left school. Within 12 months he was granted a short-service commission with the R.A.F., and a few years later took a permanent commission. He has served in Egypt. Among the other pilots are an Australian, two South Africans and a New Zealander. The pilots hope that the Nizam will attend a naming party. Not only has he borne the cost of the aircraft, but he is paying for maintenance.

WITH Captain Yoshitaro Okuno, a veteran of the World War, in command, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Hakone Maru sailed from Shanghai for Europe early yesterday morning after an overnight stay at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Company's Hongkew Wharf. She was the fifth Japanese vessel to venture into the mine-infested European waters since the outbreak of the hostilites. Col. Moriakira Shimizu, newly-appointed Japanese military attache to Italy, was among the many passengers aboard. Capt. Okuno was first officer on the Kamo Maru during the World War when the Japanese ships rounded the Cape of Good Hope instead of entering the Mediterranean because of the danger of submarine attacks, the "Tairiku Shimpo" said. He also served until recently in the M.V. Terukuni Maru which sank off England.

How the Troops Went Across

A Splendid Job Says One Who Did His Bit; Changes In the Old Home Town

"It was a magnificent job." No finer tribute could have been paid to Britain's splendid navy and air force than these few words uttered by a member of Britain's Merchant Navy to a "North-China Daily News" reporter. The job to which he referred was none other than the transportation to France and the front lines of the British Expeditionary Force, which was accomplished over a period of a few weeks without the loss of a single man due to enemy action.

This seafarer, a regular visitor to Shanghai in his role of engineer on one of the many British steamers on the Far Eastern run, was actively concerned in the transportation of the Tommies and all that went with them—guns, tanks, lorries, ammunition, stores and so on. His ship, along with many others was removed from her regular routes and, along with the rest of them, she played her part.

Wonderful Spirit

"If a German submarine or even an aeroplane had come near us," he told the reporter, "the reception would have been so hot that nothing short of a miracle could have saved them." At this point he paid a tribute to the guardian angels of the ships converted for the time being into military transports—the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. "They were everywhere," he said. "There were destroyers ahead of us, destroyers to the starboard, destroyers on our port side and destroyers astern. And there were other naval vessels, as well as aeroplanes, in the offing."

His ship, although it did not carry any troops, only guns, tanks and heavy vehicles, was convoyed to France in company with other ships with troops on board. The spirits of the men before they left England were excellent, he stated, and they did practically all the work themselves—loading and unloading within the space of a few hours. Some of the men, he added, were civilians only a few weeks prior to landing on French soil but that did not stop them from working and singing like a regular British professional soldier.

"We were welcomed everywhere in the French port at which our heavy cargo was unloaded," he said, "and the French civilians received our Tommies with open arms. There were cries of "Vive la France" from the soldiers and some particularly ribald shouts in which the name of Hitler appeared frequently. No one would have thought these men were going to war."

Home Town Changes

Altogether his ship made five trips from England to France and not one enemy submarine or aeroplane was sighted—a splendid tribute to the Navy and to the Air Force. "It was just like making a regular trip abroad," he said. "Except for the absence of lights, the droning of planes and the escort of naval vessels we might have been on our way to the Mediterranean on a pleasure cruise."

Turning to England—a country from which he had been absent for about eighteen months until September this year—he said that homesiders who had left the country within the last three or four years would not recognize their old towns as the places they had left. "Everyone is in uniform, including women," he went on. "Trenches and air raid shelters are built in school playing fields and elsewhere. At night there are blackouts. The buses and trams run with dimmed lights and, at times, with no lights at all. The whole atmosphere is different."

Still the Same

To him, however, after wandering about the face of the globe and visiting such places as New York, San Francisco, and the estern ports such as Hongkong and Shanghai, the English countryside remains supreme throughout the world. "On my first day in," he said, "I went for a walk in the countryside around Liverpool. It was beautiful. Once again I saw father, mother and children, all in Sunday best, out for their Sunday walk. We finished up in real English style at an old country inn and there we had bread, cheese, pickles and beer. This was the most satisfying meal I have had for a long time. Despite the war the countryside remains truly English and truly beautiful."

Concluding his talk he explained how his ship was now defensively armed against attacks by enemy submarines or aeroplanes. Each member of the crew, he explained, had been taught to handle the two guns she carried by a Royal Marine reservist, who travelled with them on every voyage. With one of the guns—an anti-aircraft weapon—he said, the crew had reached a high degree of efficiency while with the heavier gun they were making rapid strides. All of Britain's ships were being armed where it was possible, he said, owing to attacks without warning by the Germans. These ships could be relied upon to give a good account of themselves when the time came, he finished.

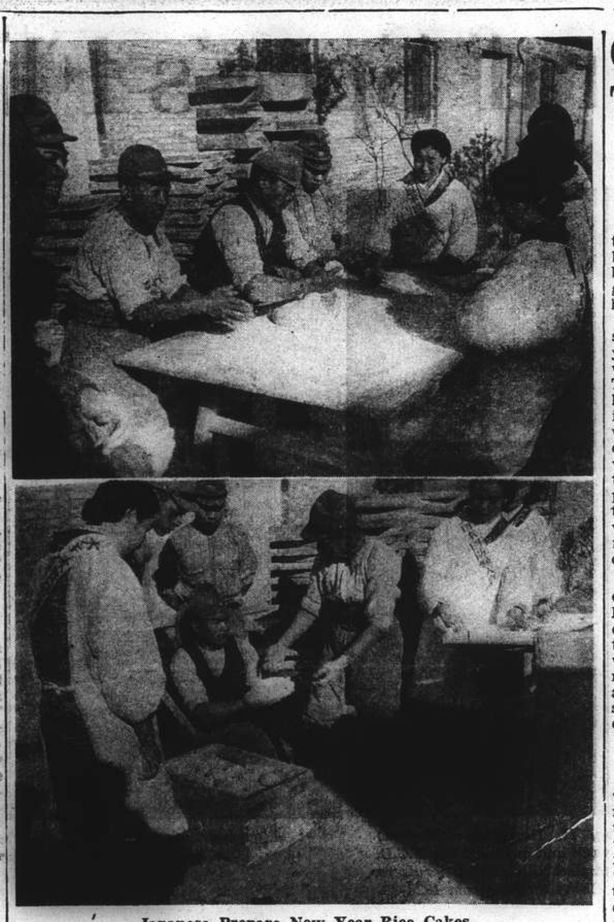
Girl "Mortgaged" to House of Ill Fame

Fortunate Meeting With Relative Causes Rescue

On suspicion that she has been forcing a 15-year old girl to become a member of a house of ill fame, Mrs. Lu Chen-sze, alleged wife of Lu Ruming, was brought before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention pending further investigations. The victimized girl, Wang Ah-mow, a native of Soochow, was returned to the custody of her relatives by the judge.

Police evidence was that the accused woman's husband enticed Miss Wang to come to Shanghai from her native district, promising to train her to be a dancing partner. It was alleged that instead of keeping his promise Lu "mortgaged" her to a house of ill fame in Kuling Road for a few hundred dollars.

Last month, the unfortunate girl unexpectedly met her aunt in the street and told the latter of her sufferings. The aunt reported the matter to the Shanghai Women's Relief Society and, acting an behalf of the society, a Chinese lawyer reported the case to the Sinza police, resulting in the accused being arrested. Her husband is still at large.



Japanese Prepare New Year Rice Cakes

Japanese soldiers in Nanking are busy making rice cakes for the New Year's festivities. Pounding rice for the cakes is a man's job but women help in the actual making. Seen above are members of the Japanese Women's Patriotic Society. Below, packed in wooden boxes, the New Year's rice cakes—known to the Japanese as "osonate"—are ready for distribution to the troops.

S.M.C. Employee Given Prison Sentence

W. C. Yates Pleads Guilty To Embezzlement Charges

William Chambers Yates, a tax collector of the S.M.C. Revenue Department, who had been charged with five cases of fraudulent embezzlement of monies belonging to his employers, the Shanghai Municipal Council, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar, yesterday in H. M. Police Court after he had appealed for leniency as a first offender.

The case against Yates had been adjourned until yesterday in order that accused might obtain legal advice. In Court he pleaded guilty to the five charges of embezzlement but asked the Registrar to take into consideration the First Offenders Act. All reports about himself, he stated, were good ones up to the time of this indiscretion. He also asked that as there had been no similar case in the past he be acquitted.

Mr. Haines stated that he had taken the story told by accused into full consideration, but he could not regard the offence as a trivial one. Some punishment was necessary. He then sentenced Yates to imprisonment for six months.

A total of 145 other cases of embezzlement were taken into consideration by Mr. Haines when passing sentence. Addressing Yates, the Registrar stated that when his sentence had expired he should not have much difficulty in rehabilitating himself if he really intended to do so.

Man Sentenced for Killing Boy

Charged with assault causing death, a cake seller named Huh Ming-li was sentenced to five years' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court in connection with a street quarrel which took place early in the month in the Seymour Road market.

The cake seller spilled some water in front of a chicken booth kept by the victim, a boy, and his father. A dispute took place and Huh became angry and dealt the boy a blow just below the heart. The boy's death occurred two days later. Several other men were arrested in addition to Huh, but they were all released later.

The victim's father told the court that the accused had agreed to pay $2,800 as compensation, but it is doubtful now that he will pay the sum, since he is sentenced to a heavy prison term.

China Realty Co. Claims Rent, Possession

A claim for rental and for possession of premises occupied by an Indian tenant brought by the China Realty Co. in H. M. Supreme Court yesterday morning was granted by Judge Sir Allan Mossop.

Represented by Mr. J. B. Davies, the China Realty Co. claimed from Waryham Singh Hans rental of premises at 167 Park Road, Shanghai, for the months of July to December 1939, both inclusive at the rate of $79.50 a month, amounting to $455.40, with costs, and for an order requiring defendant to give plaintiff immediate vacant possession of the said premises.

Defendant was ordered to vacate the premises by January 31, 1940 and was ordered to pay $455.40, $25.25 court fees and $45 costs.

Argentine Government Mission to Japan

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28.

The Argentine Government has accepted Japan's invitation to send a trade and industrial delegation to Japan. The mission will leave for Japan shortly.—Havas.

Guerillas Blow Up Train at Hsuchow

Foreign Passenger Tells of Attack in Which Only One Japanese Injured

After a train journey from Tientsin, the monotony of which was broken only once when the train was bombed by the Chinese forces, a small group of foreigners arrived in Shanghai on Wednesday evening.

One of the passengers, who has spent but a few months in China, yesterday described the bombing, which took place at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, an hour or so after the train had left Hsuchow, the large junction in northern Kiangsu. This passenger was seated in the dining car with two other foreigners, eating breakfast, when a loud explosion occurred and the car was violently shaken and left partly off the rails. The tables were thrown against each other, windows were shattered, and the car came to rest at an angle which made it difficult for those in it to move.

The dining-car "boys," who apparently had been attacked before on the line, shouted to the passengers to lie down, and everybody in the car flattended himself against the floor and waited for developments. There was no attack by guerillas, however, and after some fifteen minutes Japanese soldiers appeared outside and ordered everyone to get out.

Four Cars Overturned

"As we clambered down from the wrecked dining-car," the passenger related yesterday, "we discovered that only the front portion of this car was resting on the rails. Behind us, four cars, including the baggage van, were lying overturned beside the track. There was terrible confusion everywhere, and Japanese soldiers and members of the train crew were searching for injured.

"Only one person had been hurt, however, we learned much to our surprise. It was a Japanese passenger who had suffered head injuries. Even he had escaped serious harm, and he was given treatment on the spot.

"We were told that the train had been blown up by a time bomb which had been placed under the rails. The pressure of the first part of the train going over the place where the explosive was hidden made the bomb go off as the second half of the train was passing over. It was therefore that the locomotive and first five cars were not blown off the tracks and practically undamaged.

"After two hours the first part of the train was able to proceed again and we reached Pukow safely. From Nanking to Shanghai it was smooth going, and we arrived here last night."

Strike Finished

After three weeks on strike, the 85 workers at the China Silk factory, 270 Edinburgh Road, have resumed work, it was learned yesterday.

Fur Coat Thief Held By Police

Court Remands Chinese for Further Inquiries

With the arrangement of a suspected thief and his alleged accomplice in the First Special District Court yesterday, the Settlement police are expected to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of many fur coats form local cabarets during the past few days. Wang Shun-chieh and another man named Yu Yuan were remanded in custody pending further investigations.

It was alleged in court that Wang was caught red-handed by a waiter of the Yangtze Ballroom in Yunnan Road on Wednesday when he was about to leave the amusement resort with a lady's fur coat valued at more than $800. The coat belongs to Miss Ah Shiu-tseng, who was at the time dancing with a friend. Wang, who sat near Miss Ah, was alleged to have taken her coat during her absence from her seat.

The Municipal Advocate revealed in court that of late many similar cases had been brought to the attention of the police and he asked the court to postpone the hearing in order that the police might investigate as to whether or not the accused were also involved in other crimes. The request was granted by the judge.

Fur-lined Coat Worth $1,000 Stolen

An exceptionally fine and warm fur-lined overcoat was the only loot taken by a Chinese gunman from another Chinese walking on Foochow Road, near Shanse Road, at 1.45 o'clock yesterday morning. Shivering from the cold, the victim later told detectives at Louza Station that his coat was worth $1,000.

Japanese to Observe Empire Founding

Many Building Projects Planned

Memorial projects in commemoration of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire were planned Wednesday by the Japanese community of Shanghai, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

Through a proposed Memorial Works Association such projects as the extension of the grounds of the Shanghai Shrine, the establishment of a Japanese park and gymnasium, utilization of Hongkew Park, the building of a Memorial Hall in which will be located the offices of the Japanese Residents' Corporation, construction of a Memorial Auditorium and the founding of an art gallery will be undertaken.

Plans were discussed for the projects at a meeting in the offices of the Japanese Residents' Corporation attended by Mr. Noboru Oki, Japanese Vice-Consul; Mr. Chiyosaku Fukada, Vice-President of the Japanese Residents' Corporation; Mr. Yutaro Hanawa, President of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Yukichi Hayashi, President of the Federation of Amalgamated Japanese Street Unions; Mrs. Mashie Hamamoto, President of the Shanghai Japanese Emergency Women's Society; Mr. Gengo Yasui, Executive of the Shanghai Japanese Boy Scouts; Mr. Kyoichi Yutani, Director of the Central China Development Company, and representatives of the "Mainichi" and "Tairiku Shimpo," local Japanese dailies.

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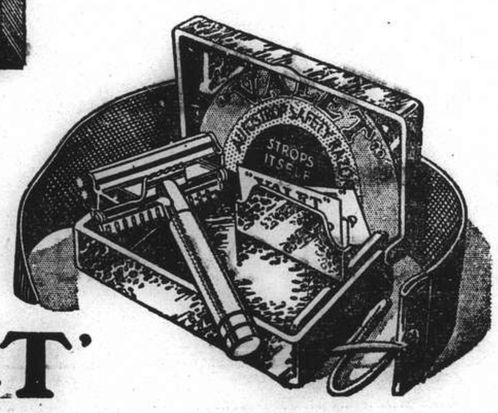

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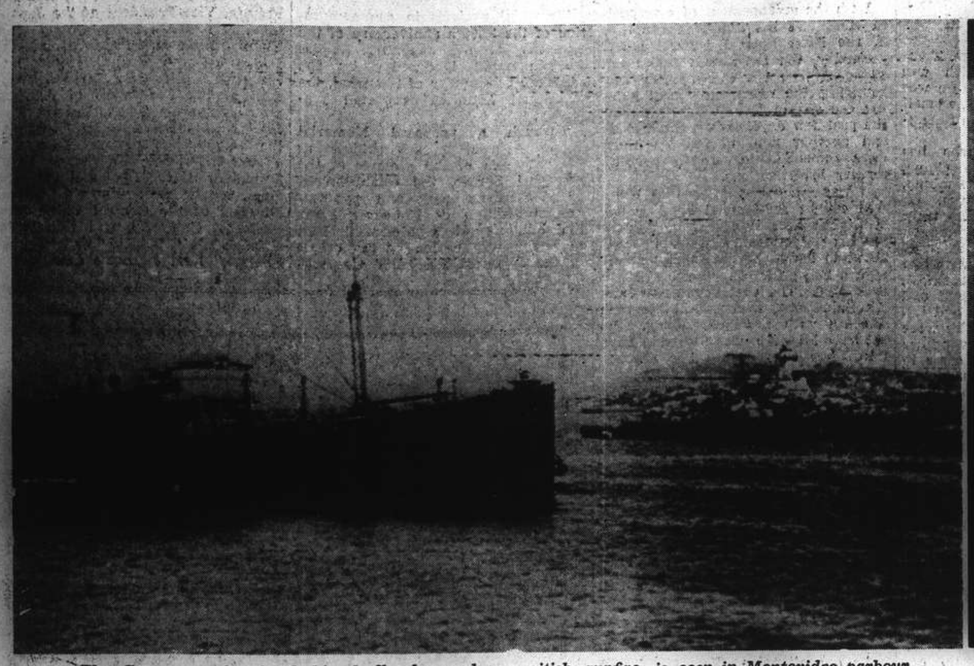
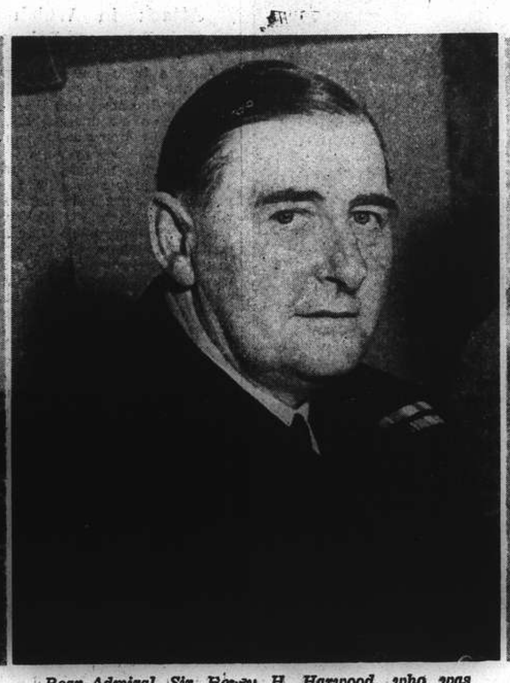
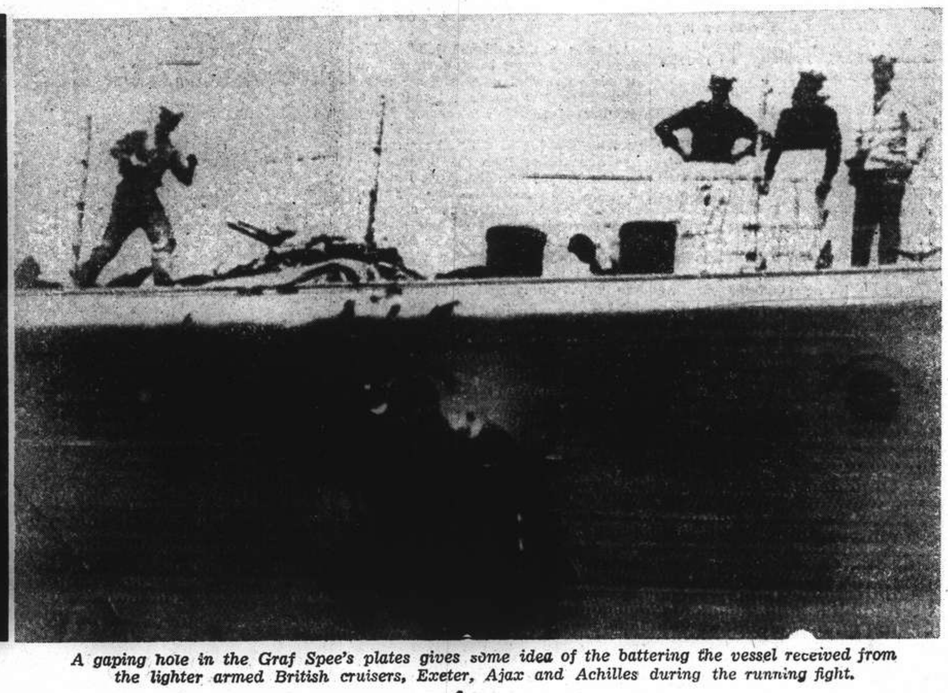


The German pocket battleship, badly damaged by British gunfire, is seen in Montevideo harbour with the French ship, Formose (an intended victim) in the foreground.



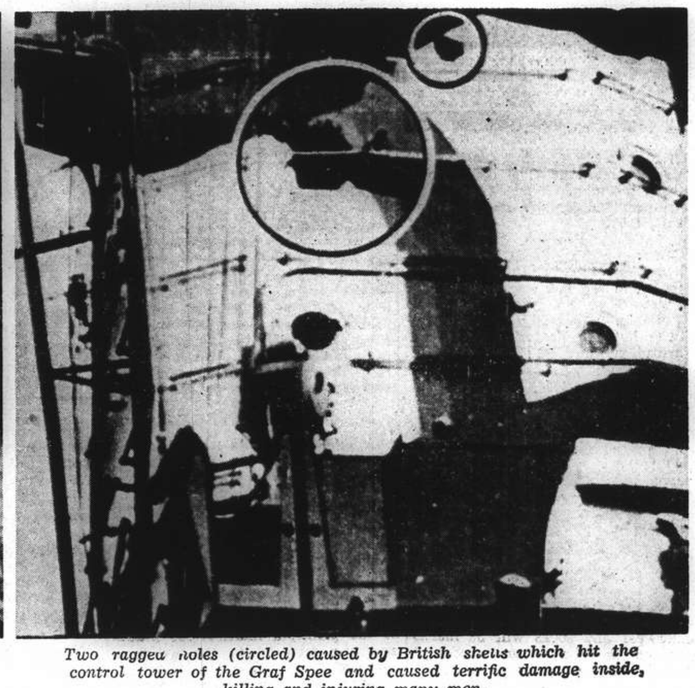
Rear-Admiral Sir Henry H. Harwood, who was promoted to his present rank and awarded the K.C.B. after the battle, commanded the British cruisers. He was formerly on the China Station from 1928-29.



A gaping hole in the Graf Spee's plates gives some idea of the battering the vessel received from the lighter armed British cruisers, Exeter, Ajax and Achilles during the running fight.

British merchant seamen, who were aboard the fleeing German battleship, are seen being taken ashore at Montevideo. There were 62 prisoners including six captains.

A wounded German officer leaves the Graf Spee by car to be treated at a Montevideo hospital. On the same day the battleship unloaded her 36 dead and 60 injured men.



Two ragged holes (circled) caused by British shells which hit the control tower of the Graf Spee and caused terrific damage inside, killing and injuring many men.

Four Year Plan for Japan's Army

Officers Urged by War Minister to Join in New Effort to End Conflict

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

A four-year replenishment plan for the army and a four-year budget to be introduced in the Diet were explained by Gen. Shunroku Hata, War Minister, in an important address delivered this morning at the War Office before a meeting of commanding officers of various army detachments stationed in Japan.

The four-year plan devised by army authorities was indispensable, he said, to bring about a satisfactory termination of the China hostilities and to prepare for future crises in the international situation.

Gen. Hata requested the officers to give their earnest attention to replenishment and improvement of army organization and to cope with the national emergency with firm determination to achieve an effective settlement of the China incident, so as to meet the wishes of the Emperor and the nation.

United Effort Needed

It was self-evident, the War Minister stated, that achievement of Japan's lofty aims depended upon patient, united effort of the nation and readjustment of diplomatic relations. The army should be the nucleus for national endeavour, Gen. Hata added. Perfection of Japan's military resources was necessary both from the standpoints of the present difficult situation and national co-operation, he stated.

Gen. Hata emphasized the need for strict economy. Even one cent of military expenditure constituted a jot of the "nation's sweat and hard labour," he declared.

He cautioned the officers against permitting activities which might cause the army to become the target of criticism.—Domei.

Lockheed Aircraft's Big Profit

Fast Planes Built for U.S. Government and Britain

New York, Dec. 29.

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation is building a fleet of the fastest intercepter pursuit planes in the world for the United States Government, Mr. Robert E. Gross, president of the firm, disclosed yesterday in reporting on profits for the first eleven months of this year.

The profits she revealed, amounted to 547 per cent. above the 1938 figure for the same period.

He also said that Lockheed has a current back-log of unfilled orders amounting to U.S.$46,000,000, including a substantial amount of U.S. Government business and 200 reconnaissance bombers, worth about U.S.$20,000,000, being built for Britain.—United Press.

Germany's Economy to Be Reorganized

Handicaps at Present Cause Lack of Confidence

Zurich, Dec. 28.

Germany's economic policy will have to be completely reorganized in the near future, declares the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" today.

Since the outbreak of war, he says, Germany's economic structure has not come up to expectations. Increased taxation and reduction of wages have added to the difficulties and caused a considerable fall in production.

The financial policy, the correspondent writes, has brought about a rise in borrowing rates and a lack of confidence in German currency. He forecasts that early in the New Year complete reorganization will take place and there may even be numerous staff changes in the Economic Ministry.

It is believed, the correspondent adds, that German industry in future will be placed more or less under the control of the military authorities.—Reuter.

War Tax Doubled

Berne, Dec. 28.

The special war supertax on incomes has just been doubled in Germany, so that the income tax is now 75 per cent. higher than in September, according to the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung."

The correspondent adds that German firms are now in serious difficulties following the sudden decrease in the volume of businss due to the lack of goods and the rationing system. Quite a number of these firms, the correspondent continues, are suspending business as from January 1 while others are only able to carry on with government assistance.—Havas.

Philippines Concerned Over Japan Trade

Mr. Sayre Asks Washington Effect of Abrogation

Manila, Dec. 28.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre, the United States High Commissioner to the Philippines, sent a message to Washington today asking for information regarding the effect the United States abrogation of the Japanese-American trade treaty will have on the Philippines, it was reported.

Philippines merchants fear their businesses might be jeopardized through the elimination of Japanese shipping through discriminatory tonnage and port charges in the event the United States reverses its decision not to impose such discriminations, as officially reported from Washington.

They are concerned also, because the Philippines imports 32,000,000 pesos annually from Japan and 20,000,000 pesos are exported to Japan from the Islands. Most of this trade is carried in Japanese vessels.—United Press.

Hitler and Goering On Bad Terms?

Field Marshal Reported To Have Vanished from Public Eye

London, Dec. 28.

The "Daily Herald" announced this morning that Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, "the Crown Prince of Nazidom" is out of favour with Herr Hitler.

"For more than eight weeks the two men have not exchanged more than a few words," the paper added. "Field-Marshal Goering has completely vanished from the public eye. He has retired to Schornheide his shooting chalet, where according to those who have visited him, he is planning to come back on his own terms only. The last time he visited the Chancellery in Berlin was on November 14. Then an unfortunate incident took place: a woman thrust a letter into his hand demanding better rations of food and clothing."

"Diplomats of neutral countries who prefer a contact with Field-Marshal Goering rather than with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, have been travelling to Schornheide to see him. Twice, they brought back reports of his angry outbursts against Hitler's policy," the "Daily Herald" continued. "Hitler can't get rid of him for he has already appointed him his successor. As an additional safeguard, Goering is surrounded with industrialists and rich men of the Nazi Party who feel themselves threatened by Hitler's Bolshevist policies. Goering would not resist any occasion offered him to get rid of Hitler."—Havas.

U.S. Shocked by Nazi Christmas Message

Hitler, Not Jesus, Referred To by Rudolf Hess

New York, Dec. 27.

The Christmas declarations by King George and M. Edouard Daladier, French Premier, are favourably contrasted with those of Nazi leaders by the American press today.

The "Boston Herald" says the statements of King George and M. Daladier are more understandable to Americans, because they spoke in the cautious words of rulers who recognize their responsibilities to their peoples.

Conversely, it adds, "we are shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Rudolf Hess (the Deputy Fuehrer), in which he said that the German nation feels that God has sent us a man, because the man referred to is not Jesus but Hitler."—Reuter.

Red Cross Fund Growing

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

During the Christmas holidays, the Lord Mayor's Red Cross fund increased by £3,000 to £687,000.

Bankers to Confer in Chungking

Joint Office Management To Be Discussed

Chungking, Dec. 28.

Prominent Chinese bankers are gathering at Chungking for a conference to be held here in the near future.

The agenda will include matters related to the joint office of the four government banks, which was recently established with General Chiang Kai-shek as a director.

Many Have Arrived

Bankers who have already arrived in Chungking include Mr. T. V. Soong, of the Bank of China, Mr. Chien Hsin-chi, of the Bank of Communications. Mr. Yeh Cho-tang, of Farmers Bank, also Mr. Sung Han-chang, of the Bank of China.

Mr. Yeh Cho-tang and Mr. Sung Han-chang were received yesterday by General Chiang Kai-shek, and the two bankers reported on the financial situation.—Reuter.

China Clipper Delayed

Manila, Dec. 28.

The China Clipper delayed its departure from here today because of bad weather but plans to leave for the United States tomorrow. The Clipper expects to land at San Francisco January 3, Manila time. The California Clipper arrived here yesterday and will leave for Hongkong today, returning to Manila tomorrow. It will depart for the United States December 31. The Pan-American Air Line, however, reported that the plane had been having mechanical trouble and may not be able to carry out its schedule. The Philippine Clipper is expected here January 1. It will depart for Hongkong the day following its arrival and take off for the United States January 5, arriving at San Francisco January 10, Manila time.—United Press.

Germany Defaults on Coal Deliveries

Shortage Prevented by British Supplies

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Stockholm, Dec. 28.

German deliveries of coal and coke to Sweden have fallen to less than one fifth of the volume she contracted to supply.

Great Britain, however, which also supplies a large proportion of Swedish coal imports, is fully carrying out her obligations, thus preventing a serious shortage in south and west Sweden.

Normally Sweden relies on Germany for more than 60 per cent. of her coke supplies, but Germany is at present sending only about 35,000 tons of coal and coke a month to the country, instead of 200,000 tons as stipulated in existing agreements.

The significance of this is emphasized by the fact that coal is one of Germany's vital wartime exports. It is pointed out that a shortage of trucks is one of the main difficulties confronting Germany. The German synthetic petrol industry is also making ever-growing demands on coal supplies, while the Goering ironworks are reported to be requiring fantastic amounts.—Reuter.

Colonial Service Changes

London, Dec. 28.

The King has approved of the appointment of Mr. J. Louis Devaux, Attorney-General of Trinidad, to be Chief Justice of Mauritius, on the retirement of Sir George Edouard Nairac, according to an announcement by the Colonial Office.

It is also announced that the King has approved of the appointment of Mr. George Graham Paul, Puisne Judge of Nigeria, to be Chief Justice of Sierra Leone, succeeding Mr. Ambrose Henry Webbs, recently appointed Chief Justice of Tanganyika. —Wireless through Reuter.

B.B.C. Broadcasts to Soldiers in France

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

Wireless programmes designed especially for the British Expeditionary Force in France and other forces serving on land and at sea will be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation from January 7.—Reuter.

Stolen Ammunition in Dublin Recovered

London, Dec. 27.

No less than one quarter of a ton of the ammunition stolen by Irish Republican Army men when they raided a military depot on December 24 in Dublin has been recovered by the police in the Eire capital. The ammunition was found at Selbridge, in Kildaire County.

Meanwhile, strong police cordons were thrown around Dublin today and all cars returning to the capital from the countryside are being severely searched, while all luggage and parcels found inside are being opened. Cars leaving the capital are subjected to an even more scrutinizing search.

The military investigation into the raid is being carried out in strict secrecy.—Havas.

Bulgarian Delegation Arrives in Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 27.

The Bulgarian trade delegation arrived here this morning to work out a commercial and navigation treaty between their country and the U.S.S.R. Leader of the delegation is the Bulgarian Finance Minister, D. Bojiloff, who will have his first interview today with M. Anastas Mikoyan, Vice-President of the Council of People's Commissars.—Havas.

Chinese Woman Attempts To End Own Life

Fear of Returning to Home In Occupied Area

Manila, Dec. 28.

Because she was afraid she would be forced to return to her home in the Japanese-occupied area of South China, Mrs. Uy Te, a Chinese refugee here, attempted to commit suicide today by jumping from a second floor window, 18 feet from the ground. She suffered severe injuries.

Mr. Chua Kiens, the woman's husband, informed the police that his wife had left China last year as a refugee. She did not have a landing permit, but the immigration officials permitted her to land in Manila under bond, he said.

Mrs. Uy Te was afraid that her stay would be cancelled and she would have to return to her home village, which the Japanese have occupied, her husband said.—United Press.

British Firms in Soviet Not Advised to Close

London, Dec. 27.

Reports that the British Embassy in Moscow had advised British firms in Soviet Russia to wind up business are categorically denied in official circles here. The rumours that British residents in Soviet Russia were urged to leave the country at once are likewise utterly groundless, it is emphatically stressed.—Havas.

Chinese Consul-General Honours Sr. Elizalde

Manila, Dec. 28.

Dr. C. Kuangson Young, Chinese Consul-General at Manila, gave a luncheon today in honour of Sr. Joaquin M. Elizalde, Philippines Resident Commissioner at Washington, who is now visiting Manila. More than 100 prominent Filipinos, Chinese and American leaders here attended the luncheon.—United Press.

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Crew Returned to Surviving Half of Torpedoed Ship

British Seamen Got Up Steam But Heavy Seas Frustrated Attempts to Sail Remnant Home

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

THEIR ship cut in half by a German torpedo, the crew of the London tanker San Alberto (7,400 tons) returned to the surviving stern half, got steam up and made a bold attempt to sail for port. This amazing story of the sea has just become known. The San Alberto was attacked without warning on December 9 off the south-west coast, and the crew escaped in four boats 15 minutes before she broke in two. The fore part, twisted, sank immediately. Two boats, with the captain in one, kept together in driving rain, squalls and rising wind. They could occasionally see the other two boats but could not reach them.

Early in the afternoon, the captain, believing that the after-part would not sink, returned to it, and the crew started to raise steam. By night-time the engines were working, and there was electric light.

The third boat came alongside later, but the fourth was still missing.

Plating Torn Away

By keeping the engines going slow astern, they kept the seas from tearing the front part of the ship's remains to bits, but every time she came to head to sea great strips of plating were torn away, and the attempt to make port had to be abandoned.

At 10 p.m. another vessel's lights were sighted, and an S.O.S. was sent. She was asked to search for the missing boat, which she failed to find, and then to stand by.

Next morning this ship, the Belgian tanker Alexandra Andre, attempted to transfer the San Alberto's crew, but the seas were running so high that the lifeboat was unable to get nearer than 20 feet.

After two men had jumped into the sea and been picked up, it was decided to wait until the weather moderated.

Destroyer to the Rescue

That night a destroyer appeared and offered to attempt an immediate rescue, but the San Alberto's captain decided to wait until daylight, despite heavy seas, darkness, and the breaking up of the remnant of his ship, which was slowly sinking by the stern.

At 7 a.m. on December 11, lines were passed to the warship, and the crew was ferried over in barley floats.

The crew of the fourth boat was eventually picked up by the steamer Maunder and landed after five days at sea.—Reuter.

Reich Shops Lose Much Stock

Heavy Christmas Buying Reduces Reserves; Many Restrictions Enforced

Berne, Dec. 27.

The sadly depleted stocks of goods in Germany's shops were further greatly reduced by Christmas purchases, the press here revealed today.

According to Swiss newspapers correspondents, shop-windows were filled with various wares but, unfortunately, very little was to be found inside.

The correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" reported that candy stores were unable to sell more than 100 grammes of chocolate per person per month.

Biscuits could not be sold without presentation of ration cards.

In one of the largest pastry stores cakes and pies were handed over to purchasers only if they gave the shop-keeper a certain quantity of sugar.

Devotees of alcoholic beverages fared comparatively well, for there were no restrictions on wines and beer. Tobacco, however, could not be sold without special ration cards in certain towns, such as Potsdam.

Stocks of leather goods are decreasing rapidly and shops were unable to cope with the demand for these goods.

Closed Part of the Day

Many stores in Germany close for part of the day, as poor business does not justify the employment of a staff for the whole day. Consequently long queues of buyers form outside the shops at opening hours.

As for the clothes restrictions, these have not yet made themselves felt as most of the inhabitants are still wearing what they purchased before the war. However the lack of textiles is already worrying the authorities while the propaganda services are already preparing the public for the day when they will be unable to purchase new clothing.

Thus, the magazine "Women at Work" writes: "Patched up coats, underwear and socks will be marks of which the wearers can be proud." Other papers also stress that it is not shameful to wear patched clothing.—Havas.

St. George's Society Monthly Luncheon

Sir Herbert Phillips Guest Of Honour

Sir Herbert Phillips, K.C.M.G., retiring British Consul-General in Shanghai was the guest of honour yesterday at the usual monthly luncheon of the general committee of the Royal Society of St. George, Shanghai Branch, with Dean A. C. S. Trivett, acting-president, in the chair.

The chairman, in proposing the toast of the guest of honour, spoke of the long and honourable service of Sir Herbert during the approximate 42 years he had served in China, and spoke of him as a man who, when he took an interest in anything, made it an interest in which he actually participated. In congratulating him on his record, he expressed the opinion that when he reached Britain, Sir Herbert, following his usual course of action would find some niche where his ability and activity would be of service.

Sir Herbert, in reply, paid tribute to the manner in which the British community had consistently supported him in his work, and spoke of the last two years as a period of intense and thrilling interest in which the consular service was either getting people out of trouble or advising others how they could avoid it. It was with every regret that he was leaving China but hoped that when he reached England he would find something to do, rather than stay in some out of the way village.

New Post in U.S. for Former Shanghai Man

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

Mr. Henry Misselwitz, former Shanghai correspondent for the New York "Times," has become affiliated with the Dr. Hiss Foot Clinic here, as vice president in charge of publications, it was learned today.

Mr. Misselwitz came to southern California two years ago from New York to write an original screen story for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios with China as a background. He formerly was cable editor for the United Press in New York.—United Press.

Stockholders of Air Firm Meet

Peiping, Dec. 28.

With the promulgation of regulations governing the China Airways Co., Ltd., a Sino-Japanese concern established last year, the company held a general meeting of stockholders yesterday to discuss revision of articles of incorporation and appointment of new officials. Count Hideo Kodama, member of the House of Peers, and Lieut.-Gen. Kunisuke Tsuji, retired, have been appointed President and Vice-President of the company. Mr. Hu Shih-tai and Mr. Hiroshi Abe were named directors.—Domei.

Netherlands Army Head in Flooded Defence Area

General Baron Von Voorst Tot Voorst, Commander-in-Chief of the Netherlands army, is shown (left) with aide as he toured part of Holland's flooded defence sector where the dykes have been opened to make use of Holland's natural defence barrier.

U.S. Needs Huge Air Defences

Secretary of War Stresses Building Necessities

Washington, Dec. 28.

In his annual report released today, the Secretary of War, Mr. H. H. Woodring, voiced his strong sentiments on the subject of a powerful air force for the United States, declaring that to underestimate the value of a strong air arm "might mean the extinction of the nation's existence."

Mr. Woodring also recommended that the Panama Canal Zone be rendered as invulnerable as possible, pointing out that the Canal is a vital link in the defence system of the country.

In the fiscal year of 1939-40 only 23 per cent. of the expenditures on war supplies went towards the strengthening of the air force, the Secretary of War declared.

Finally, Mr. Woodring emphasized that if any hostile Power succeeded in establishing a foot-hold in the proximity of the Canal Zone, the very security of the United States would be menaced. For this reason, the United States should and must maintain an adequate air force.—Havas.

U.S. Greatest Source Of War Materials

Far More Plane Parts to China Than to Japan

Washington, Dec. 28.

That the United States is still one of the principal markets for planes and war material in the world is revealed in the figures released for the export of these products not only to belligerent but also to neutral countries.

Exports to France totalled in November last $32,149,298 and consisted mostly of planes.

Chinese imported $170,522,000 worth of spare parts for planes.

Japan also imported spare parts for her planes, her purchases amounting to only $4,584.

This is explained by the virtual embargo placed in the United States on exports of arms and munitions for countries guilty of aggression.

In this connection, a high official from an American aviation concern declared that the shipment sent to Japan consisted of spare parts for planes delivered to that country before the virtual embargo and for which spare parts supplies had been guaranted.—Havas.

Committee Passes Bill For U.S. Defence

Mr. Roosevelt's Request For Money Considered

Washington, Dec. 28.

The House Deficiency Appropriations Sub-Committee approved, with minor reductions, President Roosevelt's request for $272,000,000 to cover national defence deficiencies, it was reliably reported yesterday.

The money is designed to carry out neutrality and national defence policies during the current fiscal year. A bill has been prepared for early action in the House of Representatives, possibly within two weeks.—United Press.

Armed Robber Given Severe Sentence

Soong Tze-kong, the robber who was daring enough to shoot at the police on December 25 after he and his accomplice, Li Pu-kao, had robbed a foreman of the Fu Hsing Flour Mill, 5 Ichang Road, of more than $2,000 payroll money, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court, while his accomplice drew two years and six months.

It will be recalled that the victim was walking in Tonquin Road near Haiphong Road when he was stopped by the accused. He was relieved of the payroll money, but soon the police arrived and took up the chase, resulting in the accused being arrested. A pistol loaded with six bullets was seized from Soong, who opened fire during the chase. They were taken to the Gordon Road Police Station where they underwent preliminary questioning.

Argentina Turns Down German Protest

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28.

Rejection of Germany's protest against the internment of the crew of the sunken German pocket-battleship Graf Spee is contained in a long memorandum published by the Argentine Government. The refusal is justified under Article 13 of The Hague Convention of 1907. It is pointed out that the pocket-battleship was sunk voluntarily, and the crew rescued by tugs expressly provided for the purpose.—Reuter.

Girls' Friendly Society's Christmas Party

Over fifty children, together with members and friends, attended a party held by the Girls' Friendly Society at the Cathedral Gymnasium last night. The party was organized by Mrs. Berthet, secretary, and the presents were donated by the parents.

After a truly wonderful tea of cakes and sweets, the children were entertained by Mrs. Weaver, wife of the Rev. F. W. Weaver, Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, until the arrival of Santa Claus. Presents were then handed round, and more games were held round the Christmas tree, which was beautifully adorned with red and purple lights, and glittering tinsel. Mrs. Weaver then made a speech in honour of the Secretary, after which the children were gathered together, and films shown to round off the evening.

Towards the end of the evening, the Dean arrived to join the party, which soon afterwards broke up, the children returning homewards laden with gifts, and flushed with the excitement of a gay and wonderful afternoon.

New York Market Down

New York, Dec. 27.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange declined today as share volume exceeded a million for the first time in two weeks. Losses on the main stock list ranged up to almost two points.

Wall Street summarized its chief worries as, firstly, the coming session of Congress—there was less fear on this point than usual since during the coming Presidential year no legislation adverse to business is anticipated.

Secondly, Tax selling—this has been rather heavy in relation to the total volume, but small compared with other years.

Thirdly, peace talk—frequent peace scares tend to reduce volume materially, and sometimes brings selling.

Fourthly, business recession—financiers are reconciled to a let down in heavy production scheduled for early in 1940.

Steels were under the most pressure today and other groups were also soft. However, fractional losses in selling were ascribed to so-called year-end tax liquidation.

Some uneasiness was attributed to President Roosevelt's peace moves and the imminence of reconvening Congress, although Congress is not expected to be unfriendly toward business.—United Press.

Anglo-Swedish Trade Agreement

To Be Valid for Duration Of Hostilities

London, Dec. 27.

The Economic War Ministry announced today that a commercial agreement valid for the duration of the European conflict has been signed between Great Britain and Sweden.

The main object of the accord is to adapt present commercial arrangements between the two countries to the conditions created by the war with a view to maintaining commercial exchanges within limits set by these conditions.

In order to facilitate the application of the measures decided upon in the agreement, a joint executive committee will be created. This committee will meet periodically either in London or in Stockholm.—Havas.

British Ministers to See Maginot Line

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Seal, and Lord Hankey, Minister without Portfolio, who are visiting France, conferred with French Ministers yesterday. They will visit the Maginot Line today, and on Friday will stay with Viscount Gore, the British Commander-in-Chief.—Reuter.

Britain to Reply to U.S. Protest

Statement by Mr. Hull After Seeing Envoy

Washington, Dec. 28.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, conferred with Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador to Washington, yesterday and following the interview said he understood that Britain would reply immediately to the American republics' protest regarding her alleged violation of the Pan-American "safety zone".

Mr. Hull, however, denied that the violation of the "safety zone" had been discussed. He revealed that the United States has not yet received a reply from Britain regarding the United States protest of the British blockade of German exports.—United Press.

Anglo-French and Swiss Trade Talks Fail

Berne, Dec. 28.

The Anglo-French and Swiss trade negotiations in Paris have been suspended, and the Swiss delegation has returned from the French capital, according to a wireless announcement. A report submitted to the Federal Council revealed considerable differences of opinion between the parties.—Reuter.

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Second "Mystery" Warship Sighted Off Japan By Cruising Air Liner

Nothing Known of Foreign Vessel Seen in Japanese Water; First Ship Now Believed Off Korea

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The second "mystery" warship in two days was sighted today in Japanese territorial waters off Fukuoka Prefecture on Kyushu Island by a pilot of a Japanese air liner, according to a message received here today.

The pilot reported that the warship was about a 1,000 ton vessel and was painted white. He said that the flag of the vessel could not be seen.

The warship was sighted, he said, about 10 minutes after the plane left Fukuoka at 11 o'clock this morning. The ship was sailing towards Quelpart Island from a point about 30 kilometres south-east of Eki Island in Nagasaki Prefecture.

Another "mystery" warship, believed to have been either American or British, was sighted yesterday morning in Japanese territorial waters 12 miles south of Eki Island. The vessel was seen by the crew of a Japan Airways plane and was reported to be going in the direction of Korea. The wireless station at Seoul reported later that the warship was cruising westward.—Domei.

Monkey Gland Specialist Bound for France

To Help in Treatment of Wounded Soldiers

New York, Dec. 26.

The monkey gland specialist, Dr. Serge Voronoff, has sailed for Europe to direct bone and skin grafting operations for wounded soldiers in France.

It was in Paris, at the Physiological Station of the College de France, that the Russian surgeon first proved that by grafting the sex-glands of a young animal (such as a rat, ram or bull) upon an animal of the same species showing senility he could rejuvenate his patient and prolong its life.

Later, by grafting the glands of monkeys upon human beings it was claimed that he renewed in many human subjects their youthful mentality, physical and sexual condition. Dr. Voronoff is 73 years of age.—Reuter.

Mr. Kato Arrives at Hankow

Hankow, Dec. 28.

Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, Japanese Minister-at-Large to China, arrived here by plane yesterday afternoon.

He exchanged views today with leaders in the Wuhan area. Mr. Kato was expected to leave for Shanghai tomorrow.—Domei.

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Java Guilders " 15
Netherlands Guilders Selling 14⅜
Java Guilders " 14⅝

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,250.00 £1=$49.230
Selling U.S.$100=$1,290.323 £1=$50.860

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.46=$1 Belgas 23.50=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 1.54=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.34¾=$1
Tourist Lire 1.71 =$1

Hua Hsing Commercial Bank

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d. per H.H.$ 1
" Buying " @ 6 1/32 " H.H.$ 1
U.S. Selling " @ 97/8 " H.H.$100
" Buying " @ 10¼ " H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLARS (FAPI)

Selling Rate @ 124 per H.H.$100
Buying " @ 129 " H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	4 1/8	4 3/32
U.S. G.$	7 3/32	7 1/8
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
	Cash	December
£ T.T.	4¾	4 m/s. l.c. 4 7/8
G.$ T.T.	7 1/8	4 m/s. l.c. 7 1/32
Fcs. T.T.	351	4 m/s. 363
Rs. T.T.	26 3/4	15 d/s. 27

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	22 1/2	22 1/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¼	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	60.14	—

Bombay offtake 150 bars.

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATE

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.94⅞
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.94⅞
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.94⅞

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4¾ sterling and 7 1/8 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers at 4¾ sterling and 7 1/8 U.S.$. During the early part of the morning sellers for near delivery forced the market up to 4 1/8 sterling and 7 3/32 U.S.$. With the end of the year close at hand, change-overs were the main feature of the market, and rates widened to 1/8 receivers Dec./Jan. in sterling and 3/32 receivers in U.S.$ for the same delivery., During the afternoon rates were easier, and the market closed with rather doubtful sellers at:—

4 3/32 sterling	7⅞	U.S.$	Cash/Dec.
4 1/32 "	7 1/32	"	Jan.
4 1/32 "	7 1/16	"	Feb.

Yesterday's Rice Prices

Changshu per shih (176 lbs.)	$40.00
Sungkiang "	40.00
Saigon "	38.50

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Dec. 27.

Japan	80⅜	London	1/5 3/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	28	" (sellers)	1/5 1/32
Hongkong	84½	" (buyers)	1/6 1/16
		Japan	
		" (sellers)	81½
		" (buyers)	80½

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.00	Shanghai	5d
Paris	176.00	Bombay	1/6 1/32*
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/3 31/32*
Amsterdam	7.52	Singapore	2/4 3/32*
Brussels	24.00	Yokohama	1/2 1/32
Madrid	88.00 *	" (buying)	1/2 1/4
Milan	77.25	Prague	—
Berne	17.80	Bangkok	1/10 5/16

*—Unofficial rates.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	88.625
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.12	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.23 5/8	Shanghai	7.85
Brussels	16.78	Hungary	17.60
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.43½	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82½	Greece	0.73
Norway	22.73	Bulgaria	unq.
Denmark	19.32½	Finland	2.00
London			3.94⅞
" Demand			3.94
" Bankers' 60 days bills			3.94
" Commercial 60 days bills			3.94
Buenos Aires, Paper			Unq.
" " market rate			22.65
Montreal on London			4.45¾

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Dec. 27.	
Fine Bank Bills	3 months	1¼%
Bank Bills	6 monhts	1 1/8%
Fine Trade Bills	3 months	2¼%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0⅝%
New York:		
Bankers' Acceptances for		0 1/32% B
1, 2 and 3 months		0 1/32% A
Bankers' Acceptances for		0 3/32% B
4 months		0 1/32% A
Call Money		1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

U.S. Silver Imports

New York, Dec. 27.

Imports of silver into the United States for the week ended December 20 totalled $1,019,000, compared with $917,000 during the preceding week.

Consignments of the white metal during the period under review came from the following principal countries: Canada $268,000; Mexico $429,000; Peru $103,000; Chile $58,000; Honduras $58,000; Japan $69,000; and, Australia $30,000.

Imports during the preceding week included the following: $126,000 from Canada; $580,000 from Mexico; $132,000 from Peru; $25,000 from the Netherland Indies; and, $24,000 from the Phillippines.—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was again extremely active and firm with thousands of the cheaper rubber shares changing hands at ever increasing prices. The whole market closed with a predominance of buyers over sellers. Among the Industrials new high levels were reached by Yangtszes, Trusts, and Shanghai Lands, while Ewos were firm at 27½.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
228.52	105.32	General	211.57	+1.01
314.70	95.55	Rubbers	310.95	+5.8.

Total 771,855 shares, 1,800 bonds.

Business Done

China Realty 8% Tael Debs.				3000	91.50		
5000	91.00	5000	*91.00	54000	91.00		
Telephone 6% Tael Debs.				10000	94.50		
1000	*94.50						
Power 5½% Tael Debs.				25000	87.00		
S. M. C. 5% Debs. 1934				20000	*75.00		
China Realty 8% Tael Debs.				32000	†91.00		
28000	91.50						
Telephone 6% Debs.				3000	94.50		
S. W. W. Fittings				2000	2.00		
Auto Palace				200	15.00		
Central Prop.				100	16.00		
I. I. Trust		2500	10.70	1500	10.80		
1000	10.90	500	†10.90	5000	11.00		
S'hai Loan		1000	14.40	500	14.50		
1000	14.60	500	14.70	500	†14.70		
1000	14.80						
Yangtsze Finance				2500	9.70		
2000	9.80	1500	9.70	1000	*9.70		
1000	*9.75	2000	9.75	500	9.80		
500	9.75	600	9.80	500	*9.80		
1500	9.75	1000	9.80	1500	9.85		
500	*9.90	2500	9.90	1500	9.95		
500	10.00	6000	†10.00	5500	9.95		
1000	9.90	500	9.85	500	9.90		
1000	9.95						
S'hai Land		500	12.30	1000	12.40		
2500	12.50	500	12.60	500	12.70		
2500	12.80	6500	12.90	2000	12.80		
4000	12.70	4000	†12.80	500	*12.80		
500	*12.90	1500	12.80	300	12.70		
1000	*12.80	1000	12.80	4000	12.70		
500	12.80	1500	12.70				
New Eng. (Ord)		1800	19.90	200	†19.80		
Tanami Gold Min.		300	19.90	100	*19.90		
100	†20.00	1400	20.00	100	19.90		
300	20.00						
S. & H. Wharf				100	*265.00		
Wheelock		100	*74.00	700	74.50		
100	†74.50	300	75.00	300	75.50		
200	75.00						
C. G. Omnibus		100	24.00	300	†24.50		
100	24.75						
Telephone		500	22.25	200	22.50		
300	22.75	100	*22.50	200	22.50		
700	†22.75						
Tram (Bearer)	£1			100	*41.50		
100	41.75	400	42.00	100	†42.25		
100	42.50						
S. W. W. "A"	£20	40	820.00	10	†820.00		
Metal		500	18.60	600	18.70		
4000	18.80	600	*18.70	200	18.60		
300	18.70	200	*18.70	1400	†18.70		
1500	18.80						
Kaiping		200	44.00	100	†44.25		
200	44.00						
Lumber				200	39.00		
Exploration		1000	8.80	3500	9.00		
3500	9.05	2500	9.10	500	9.20		
2000	†9.15	500	9.10	500	9.15		
1000	9.10						
Power (Pref)		40	128.75	150	†129.50		
Ewo Mills (Ord)		100	27.00	3300	27.20		
400	*27.20	100	27.30	1400	†27.50		
500	*27.50	400	*27.60	100	27.50		
3700	27.60						
Anglo Dutch		200	19.10	1500	19.20		
300	†19.20	500	19.40				
Anglo Java		700	39.50	700	39.75		
300	40.00	100	40.25	1400	40.00		
400	*40.00	100	*40.25	1100	40.00		
1300	40.25	800	†40.00	200	*40.25		
600	40.25	700	40.00	500	39.75		
1300	40.00						
S'hai Malay (Ord)				100	†30.00		
Batu Anam		10000	1.64	2600	1.66		
400	1.68	1000	1.70	4000	†1.68		
3000	1.70						
Bute		500	8.85	1000	*8.90		
500	†8.90	1500	9.00				
Chemor		2000	2.77½	3000	2.80		
300	2.82½	1000	2.85	2000	†2.90		
3000	2.85						
Cheng		6000	0.80	1000	*0.81		
5000	0.81	1000	0.80	2000	*0.80		
11000	0.81	6000	0.82	6000	*0.83		
4000	0.83	10000	0.82	6000	0.83		
1000	0.84	1000	*0.84	1000	0.84		
3000	†0.85	1000	0.89	2000	0.87		
3000	0.88	2000	*0.89	6000	0.89		
1000	0.88	3000	0.87				
Consolidated		500	7.80	500	7.85		
500	7.95	2500	†8.00	1000	*8.05		
1000	8.10						
Dominion		1000	*11.00	1500	11.10		
10500	†11.10	1500	*11.10	1000	11.00		
1000	11.10	2000	11.20				
Java Consolidated				1000	*5.30		
1000	5.20	1000	5.45	1000	†5.45		
1000	5.50	5000	5.45				
Kota		1000	5.65	6000	†5.70		
1000	5.75	1000	*5.75				
Kroewoek		10000	3.25	1000	*3.25		
8000	3.27½	2000	3.25	1000	3.27½		
15000	3.25						
Langkat		400	27.75	900	28.00		
100	*28.00	300	†28.50	100	*28.50		
700	28.25						
Padang		100	2.75	1000	2.80		
600	2.82½	3000	†2.82½	2000	2.80		
5000	2.82½	2000	*2.80	1000	2.85		
Permata		1000	1.66	4000	†1.66		
Repah		2000	1.30	1000	1.32		
1000	1.36	2000	1.40	2000	1.42		
1000	†1.42	3000	1.44	1000	*1.44		
1000	*1.46	1000	1.48	1000	*1.48		
8000	1.46	1000	*1.46				
Rubber Trust		2000	8.25	500	*8.40		
1000	8.45	500	8.50	500	*8.50		
3500	†8.45	500	*8.45	500	8.50		
Samagaga				2900	2.15		
Semambu		4000	*1.68	2050	1.68		
6000	1.70						
Senawang		400	1.80	1000	1.82		
5000	*1.82	5000	1.84	8000	1.86		
2000	1.88	3000	1.86	8000	1.88		
2000	†1.88	1000	1.90	2000	1.88		
1000	1.90	2000	1.92	4000	1.90		
Kedah				500	11.60		
Kelantan		7000	0.88	1000	0.87		
2000	*0.87	2000	0.86	1400	*0.87		
2000	0.88	2000	0.87	1000	0.89		
6000	0.87	2000	*0.88	8000	0.88		
4000	0.89	1000	0.90	6000	0.89		
20000	0.90	1000	0.91	1000	0.90		
8000	†0.92	1000	0.94	2000	0.95		
4000	0.94	3000	0.92	7000	*0.93		
9000	0.92	1000	*0.93	5000	0.93		
Pahang				1000	6.00		
Seremban		1000	*2.95	2000	†2.95		
Sumatra				200	30.00		
Sua Manggis		3000	*2.35	3000	2.40		
1000	2.42½	2000	*2.40	3000	2.40		
5000	2.42½	1000	*2.42½	3000	2.45		
Tanah Merah		2000	3.55	2000	2.57½		
7000	3.60	1000	*3.60	3000	3.65		
6000	†3.70	1000	*3.75	1000	*3.75		
1000	3.75	1000	3.70				
Tebong		14000	1.60	2000	1.62		
2000	*1.62	6000	1.64	7000	1.66		
1000	1.64	11000	1.66	2000	†1.66		
2000	1.68	15000	1.70	5000	*1.72		
3000	1.70						
Ziangbe		400	28.50	300	28.75		
1000	*28.75	100	29.00	600	†28.75		
200	*29.00	500	28.75				
Auto Palace				200	†15.00		

ODD LOTS

Yangtsze Finance	100 *9.75
I. I. Trust	250 10.80
Senawang	500 1.84
Tanah Merah	350 3.52½
S'hai Land	280 12.20
Exploration	100 9.00
S'hai Land 100 13.00	100 12.80
200 13.00	
S. W. W. Fittings	350 2.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)	40 27.30
S'hai Land	200 *12.80
Exploration	400 9.05
Kelantan	500 0.90
Batu Anam	100 1.64
S'hai Loan	200 14.50
Cathay Land	500 *2.00
S'hai Malay (Ord)	33 28.00
Tram (Bearer) £1	50 42.25
Kota	500 *5.65
Sua manggis	500 †2.37½
Padang	250 2.77½
Senawang	444 1.84
S'hai Land	300 12.60
S. W. W. Fittings	330 2.00
Yangtsze Finance	100 *10.00
Kota	500 *5.70
Int. Assurance	100 *8.90
Java Consolidated	500 *5.55
Power (Pref)	1 *129.75
Kaiping	17 44.75

*—Direct Business.
†—Afternoon Session Commenced
‡—Cash.

Japan's Overseas Trade

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Japan's overseas trade from January 1 to December 25 showed a favourable balance of Y.619,549,000, figures released by the Ministry of Finance today showed. During that period, exports were valued at Y.3,456,257,000 and the imports at Y.2,836,708,000.

Exports increased Y.845,005,000 in comparison with the corresponding period last year. The value of imports increased Y.238,605,000.

Korea and Formosa also had a favourable trade balance, amounting to Y.142,900,000, during the same period.—Domei.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 27.

On the Stock Exchange today, British gilt edged securities, home rails and oils attracted fair attention, with final prices showing useful gains.

Industrials ruled irregular, but leading issues mostly moved higher.

Elsewhere, changes were very small.—Reuter.

	Dec. 22	27
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£91 1/16	93¼

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan 1907	50¼	51
Japan 6% Stg. Loan 1924	57	57½

Osaka, Dec. 28.

Kogo 5%	Y.105.38

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	14/6	14/6
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	38/10½	38/-
Austin Motors, ord.	16/9	16/10½
Bristol Aeroplane	13/6	14/-
British American Tob.	93/9	93/9
Cable & W., new form	56½	56⅛
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/7½	6/6
Courtaulds	37/-	37/1½
Distillers	66/6	65/6
Dunlop Rubber	30/3	30/3
General Elec. (Eng.)	74/10½	74/7½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	81/1½	82/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	14/6	15/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/9	30/4½
Imp. Tobacco	118/1¼	119/1½
Leyland Motors	87/10½	87/6
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	52/-	52/1½
Pressed Steel, com.	14/-	14/-
Rolls-Royce	93/1½	91/3
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/6	13/6
Tate & Lyle	56/9	57/-
Turner & Newall	66/6	†66/-
United Steel	20/9	20/4½
Vickers, ord.	16/1½	16/-
Woolworths	61/9	61/9

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	27/3	27/3
Rubber Ptn. Inv. Trust	34/1½	34/1½

MINES

Burma Corp.	11/9	11/9
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	15/-	14/9
Randfontein Ests.	38/9	†36/10½
Sub-Nigel	200/-	†192/6
Tanami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	10/3	10/3

OILS

Anglo-Iranian	55/-	58/9
Burmah	61/3	61/10½
Mexican Eagle	6/7½	6/9
Shell Trans. & Trad.	80/7½	80/-

†—Ex dividend.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£56	56
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47	48
4½% Anglo-French Loan	45	45
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25	25
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	35	35½
6% Stg. Notes, 1925	13	13
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	17	17
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	16	16
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	18	18
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	14	14
5% " " G.	14	14
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	14	14
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	14	14
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	17	17
S'hai Elec. Construction	13/-	13/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12	12
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	23½	23½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅛	8⅝
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	83	82½
" " (Col. Reg.)	85	85
Mercantile Bank of India	11⅝	11⅝
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/6	17/6
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/9	1/9
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	22/6	23/1½

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 27.

Cotton prices early declined on general selling and liquidation and in sympathy with the weakness of other commodities. Later, the market rallied on foreign buying, trade price-fixing and shorts covering. Closing quotations were irregular, ranging from 3 points down to 6 points up, compared with the previous final levels.

Trading in the market for raw rubber futures was mainly concentrated on December, where heavy liquidation was noted. Other options sagged on aggressive selling and a less active primary demand. At the last call-over, losses from 4 to 108 points were registered.

Conditions in the Chicago Wheat Pit were weak, with values declining on reports of further beneficial rains being received in the dry areas and general selling. Exports were negligible. At the final bell, quotations were from ⅞ to 1 cent lower compared with yesterday.—Reuter.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Jan.	11.00-00 unc.		
Mar.	10.90-99 +01		
May	10.54-54 —03	Mar.	19.02-04 —11
July	10.11-13 —03		B/A
July (N.C.)		May	18.70-75 —15
	10.33 N —02	July	18.51-59 —04
Oct. (N.C.)			
	9.66-68 +03		
Dec. (N.C.)			
	9.60-60 +06		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
Mar.	1.92-03 —03	Mar.	1.55½-56 —02
	B/A		B/A
May	1.96-97 —03	May	1.56-56½ —1½
	B/A		B/A
Sept.	2.00-01 —03	Sept.	1.58½-59½ —02
	B/A		B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	102⅜-102½ —1	May	55⅝-58½ —⅛
July	100¼-100⅝ —1		

Winnipeg Wheat		New York Silk No. 1	
May	88⅛ A +½	Mar.	4.22½ A —15

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

New Japanese Liner to Make Maiden Trip

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Said by her owners to epitomize all that is good in the label "Made in Japan," the 13,000-ton Brazil Maru will leave Yokohama on January 11 on her maiden round-the-world voyage.

Launched at the Mitsubishi Dockyards in Nagasaki on august 2, the vessel has a length of 166 metres and a beam of 21 metres. Her Mitsubishi-Sulzer Diesel engines are designed to give the lines a 22-knot speed. She will have accommodation for 1,501 passengers.

The liner, a sister-ship of the Argentina Maru now being operated by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha on their round-the-world route, was built entirely of Japanese materials by Japanese engineers and craftsmen.—Domei.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Dec. 27.

Crude oil production in the United States for the week ended December 23 averaged 3,867,000 barrels daily, according to the weekly report issued today by the Petroleum Institute of New York.

This shows an increase of 1,000 barrels compared with the previous week and of 417,000 barrels compared with the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 27.

Stock prices on Wall Street moved from fractions to 2 points lower today on disappointed selling, owing to the absence, so far, of the traditional year-end rally, coupled with tax-selling and the decline recorded in leading commodities.

Business news continues to be favourable, with less concern apparent over inventory accumulations, while comparatively little let-down in business is anticipated early in the New Year.

Steels were heavy, ignoring predictions of a sharp snapback in mill activity shortly.

Meanwhile, Congress convenes shortly, but Wall Street is showing no signs of being excited over the prospect.

The volume of trading today amounted to 1,150,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	149.51	147.66	148.52	—0.75
20 Rails	31.35	30.78	30.99	—0.26
15 Utilit.	25.03	24.68	24.85	—0.06
40 Bonds	——	——	88.90	—0.19
11 Commod.	——	——	62.96	—0.69

Dec. 26	27		Dec. 26	27
Adams Exp	8½	7⅞	Jones & L	65	63½
Alg Lud Stl	21½	20	Kennecott	38	37
Allid Stores	8⅞	8⅜	Lak F & M	*3⅞	4
Allis Chal	39⅛	38½	Libbey O F	51	50½
Alumin Ld	96½	96	Lockheed	30⅜	31½
Amer Can	112⅜	111⅞	Loews	36⅞	36⅜
Am Cyan B	32⅞	33½	Mack Trks	28	27½
Am For Pr	1½	1½	Martin, Gl	40	39½
" $7 pfd	25⅛	23⅜	Mck & R	*16⅜	*16⅝
Am G & E	37⅜	37⅜	Monsanto	107	105½
Am Loco	20⅛	20¼	Mont Ward	54⅛	53⅜
Am Metal	22⅜	23	Nat City B	*23	*27½
Am Radtr	9⅛	9⅛	Nat Avian	13⅜	12⅞
Am R Mill	16⅛	15⅝	Nat Dairy	16⅛	16⅛
Am Smeltg	50⅛	50	Nat Distrs	23	23⅛
Am Sug R	20	19⅜	Nat Gyp	10⅞	10½
Am T & T	170⅜	170½	Nat Lead	19⅛	19⅛
Am Tob B	85	85	Nat P & L	8⅜	8⅛
Am Wtrwks	11⅛	11	Nat Steel	69⅜	69⅜
Anaconda	30½	29⅝	Nat Supply	8⅜	8⅛
Atchison	24	23⅜	N Y Cent	18	17⅞
Auburn	2⅜	2⅜	Niag Hud	5⅝	5⅜
Bald Loco	17⅛	17	N A Avian	25⅛	25⅛
B & Ohio	5⅛	5⅛	N Am Co	22	21⅛
Barber	14⅛	14⅛	N Pacific	8⅜	8⅜
Barns Oil	12⅜	12⅜	O I Glass	61⅜	62
Bendix	30⅛	30	Pac G & E	33⅜	33⅜
Beth Steel	81⅛	79⅝	Pac Lightg	*48⅛	48
Bliss	13⅜	13⅜	Packard	3⅝	3
Boeing	21⅛	21⅛	Paramount	7⅛	7⅛
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Briggs	21⅛	21⅛	Phelps D	41⅛	40¼
Bkn-M Tr	13⅜	13⅜	P & R Coal	*08	*08
" $6 pfd	48⅛	48⅛	Phil Pet	40⅜	40½
Budd Mfg.	5⅜	5⅜	Pitts C & I	*7⅜	*7⅜
Can Pac	4⅛	4⅛	P S of N J	40	39⅜
Case J.I.	70⅜	70⅜	Pullman	31½	30⅜
Celanese	29¼	29	Pure Oil	8	7⅞
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Chrysler	89⅛	88⅜	" 1st pfd	26	25½
Clim Mlyb	39	39⅜	Rem Arms	*4⅛	*4⅛
Colts	80½	*79½	Rep Avian	5½	5½
Col G & E	6⅜	6⅜	Rep Steel	23	22⅝
" 6% pfd	*85¼	*86	Rey C & B	*13⅛	13½
Com Cred	45½	45⅜	Rey Tob B	37⅝	38¼
Com & Sth	1½	1½	Richfield	7⅛	7⅜
Cons Edis	29⅜	29⅜	Safeway	47	46
Cons Oil	7⅛	7	Schenley	11⅝	11½
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Cont Oil	22⅝	22⅜	Shell U Oil	12⅝	12½
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" A	28⅜	28⅜	Sperry	45⅜	45⅜
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Elc A Lite	37⅛	36⅝	Studebaker	9⅛	9
Elec B & S	7⅛	7⅛	Swift Int	31	31
" $5 pfd	*58⅛	*58⅜	Technicor	12⅛	12
" $6 pfd	67	67⅛	Tex Cpn	43⅛	43⅛
E P & Lt	31	30⅛	Tex Gulf	31⅜	32⅛
Flintkote	20	19⅝	Transamer	6	6
Gen Am Tr	55⅜	55⅛	Tw C

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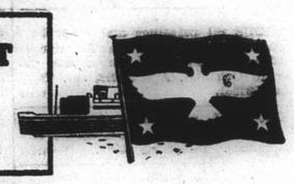

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EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LISBON
Torrens 10/12 30/1

From TRIESTE
Fusijama 21/11 10/1
C. Verde 21/12 17/1

From KARACHI
Fusijama 16/12 10/1

From SOERABAYA
Tjisadane 22/12 9/1
Tjinegara 29/12 15/1

From MANILA
G. Maersk 24/12 31/12
P. Pierce 27/12 1/1

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Vigrid 10/10 1/1
D. Aurora — 5/1
A. Maersk 25/11 10/1
A. Maersk 9/12 24/1
Sophocles 24/12 14/2

From LOS ANGELES
P. Coolidge 11/12 2/1
L. Maersk 16/12 10/1

From PORTLAND
Delhi — 31/12
Agra 23/12 14/1

From YOKOHAMA
P. Coolidge 29/12 2/1

From NAGASAKI
Shanghai M. 29/12 30/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN
Tegelberg 15/12 22/1

From MAURITIUS
Tegelberg 25/12 22/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Dairen M. 28/12 30/12

From HONGKONG
G. Maersk 27/12 31/12

Vessels Discharging

GLENSTRAE. The m.v. Glenstrae, from London and Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo (except Opium and Munitions of War), at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their cargo, (Consignees of "Bulk Cargo, will further be required to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst it is being landed). All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fourteen days from date of vessel's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risk of Fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of cargo. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Holt's Wharf, on December 30, at 10 a.m. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents. 29-12

SANTHIA. The British-India S. N. Co.'s s.s. Santhia, from Calcutta and Ports. —This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Pootung Wharf on Friday, Jan. 5, 1940, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 31-12

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Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL
Kasima Maru 5/1

For GENOA
C. Verde 21/1

For CALCUTTA
Matue Maru 6/1

For KARACHI
Nagato Maru 1/1

For CAPETOWN
Tegelberg 24/1

For JAVA
Tjisadane 11/1
Tjinegara 18/1

For MANILA
P. Coolidge 3/1

For NEW YORK
G. Maersk 1/1
Nagara Maru 8/1
H. Maersk 15/1
Tamesis 22/1

For SAN FRANCISCO
P. Pierce 2/1
Delhi 2/1
P. Coolidge 16/1
Arga 16/1
P. Taft 29/1

For YOKOHAMA
Hakozaki Maru 2/1

For KOBE
Taiyo Maru 2/1

For NAGASAKI
Nagasaki Maru 29/12
Shanghai Maru 2/1
Nagasaki Maru 2/1
Shanghai Maru 6/1

For DAIREN
Tsingtao Maru 29/12
Dairen Maru 2/1
Hoten Maru 4/1
Tsingtao Maru 7/1

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Weather, Time and Tide

Friday, December 29, 1939 (19th day of 11th moon)

	SICCAWEI Dec. 27 16.00	Dec. 27 21.00	Dec. 28 4.00	Dec. 28 9.00
Barometer inches	30.37	30.43	30.41	30.46
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.01	+0.04	+0.04	+0.03
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	0.00	0.00	+0.04	+0.03
Wind (direction)	W	N	SW	NW
" (miles per hour)	13.1	1.9	9.3	1.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	52.2°	35.4°	32.4°	43.9°
Humidity %	34	86	87	62
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	0	0	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 27	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.40	+0.02	30.30
Temp. Min. 30.9 Max. 58.5	44.7	+3.6	39.9
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.08	—	44.52

Time and Tide	29/12	30/12	31/12	1/1	2/1
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.51	6.52	6.52	6.53	6.53
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.59	17.00	17.00	17.02	17.02
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	20.15	21.20	22.25	23.29	—
Moon sets at Shanghai..	8.46	9.31	10.12	10.53	11.32
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	12.20	13.05	13.52	14.47	15.53
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	17.45	18.28	6.00	6.55	8.00
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	13.55	14.55	15.50	16.50	17.38
Ht. above LLW. (feet) ..	7.82	7.62	7.40	7.15	6.54

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FRIDAY, December 29.		Reg.	Ord.
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Formosa via Keelung		*20.00	7.30
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		9.30	10.00
Hongkong		9.30	10.00
Chefoo and Tientsin		13.00	13.30
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez	A	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, December 30.			
Yungkia Wenchow	X	8.30	9.00
Tsingtao	X	9.30	10.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo and Tientsin	B	—	—
Central America and Canal Zone		10.00	10.30
Indo-China (Z) via Haiphong	C	—	—
Hongkong		19.30	20.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki		20.00	20.00
SUNDAY, December 31.			
Hongkong and Haiphong		10.00	10.00
Amoy		10.00	10.00
Minnow Foochow Swatow via Amoy		10.00	10.00
Hongkong Kwangchowwan Haiphong		10.00	10.00
Honolulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	D	16.00	16.00
Japan Korea Formosa via Nagasaki		19.00	19.00
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H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z. and Manila		19.00	19.00
Chefoo and Tientsin		19.00	19.00
Hongkong		19.00	19.00

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Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Tragedy of Czechoslovakia Under German "Protection"

Nazi Provocation Which Led to Prague Bloodshed; Policy of Terror to Crush Nationalism

THE suggestion that I should proceed to Prague to see for myself how quiet and happy the Czechoslovakia Protectorate was and how readily the Czechs were accepting the fine and efficient German rule in place of the "rotten and corrupt" government of Benes, came not from me but from a German official, writes Oswald Garrison Villard in an article describing his travels in German territory in the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

I supposed that the requisite permission would not be forthcoming, and I was confirmed in that belief by friends among the foreign correspondents in Berlin who told me that no foreign journalist except the few living regularly in Prague had been allowed in since July. To my surprise the permission was granted, without any restrictions, and I was given a letter commending me to the kind attentions of the propaganda chief of the Protectorate.

I have no doubt that this was due to a sincere belief that everything was going beautifully in Prague and that it would be a very good thing to have me say so on my return.

Unfortunately for this plan I chose the wrong day to arrive at Prague—October 28, the natal day of the destroyed Republic. So far from the city being peaceful it was the very contrary.

There were great crowds in the streets all wearing the Republic's colours, and by lunch-time it was evident that serious things were likely to happen, for shots had by then been fired in the air. From the beginning the attitude of the S.S. and S.A. men was provocative.

In Prague, as in Vienna after the Anschluss, the Germans made the mistake of organizing in the S.A. and S.S. young local Nazis who went swaggering around, puffed up by their new uniforms and power, and proceeded to vent their grudges and spite. These were the men responsible for the bloodshed on October 28 I have no doubt. I saw one demonstrator being forced into a police lorry after being brutally beaten up. That might and does happen in many places, but what impressed me was seeing a young Brown Shirt running at a perfectly unoffending crowd, brandishing a revolver in a most reckless and threatening manner.

"Slight Disturbances

The Czech police, who were out by the thousand, on foot and mounted, were correct in their behaviour so far as I saw and heard, and could certainly not be charged with being either too lenient or sympathetic with their fellow citizens. I marvelled that any Czechs could be found to do their jobs. Even late in the evening the police forces on the streets were astoundingly large.

I cannot help feeling that if there had been efficient British or American police work the day would have passed without any disturbance to speak of, and certainly no killing. The very numbers of the police, to say nothing of the S.S. and S.A., showed how frightened the authorities were and how insecure they felt themselves.

Where the actual killings took place I could not ascertain, but I was promptly notified the next day by an "underground" message that there were three dead, 27 seriously wounded, many others slightly, and forty-to arrested.

The newspapers were merely permitted to print a statement that there had been slight disturbances and that the students responsible had been arrested and would receive "exemplary punishment." That it meant execution for some I have no doubt, just as there have been executions of others lately.

70,000 Arrested

Whether the total number of the legally murdered and imprisoned will ever be known I doubt very much. I am certain of the correctness of my information; I could not possibly doubt its sources.

Whether my informant exaggerated somewhat in saying that no fewer than 70,000 Czechs have been arrested and imprisoned in Germany since Hitler violated the sovereignty of the Republic I cannot say, but there can be no doubt that the number is very large. It remains to add that the S.S. men who did the killings used a very interesting new technique. They shot obliquely at the side walk so that the bullets ricocheted up into the crowd. That enabled them to say that they were "so sorry" these "accidents" had happened. Had they not been careful to shoot at the ground and not at the people?

The best foreign observer whom I saw in Prague told me that the Germans had "made every possible mistake" since taking over. I am sure that he is correct, for it is perfectly evident the minute one gets there that the German rulers are relying upon the old, stupid technique of force and violence to hold their subjects down. They boast that they have learned many lessons from the world war, but they have learned nothing from their experience in Belgium, which they never conquered but left followed only by bitterness and hate. They are trying the same thing now in Prague. They are going to "crush" every bit of opposition, just as they are going to destroy the British Empire if it continues to thwart them.

Determined Antagonists

They have no sense that they are dealing, in the Czechs, with the greatest and most determined antagonists Europe has ever known, and that their only hope of winning them was by friendly methods, by putting wise and kindly officials in charge, by seeking their co-operation and giving them real autonomy from the start. This they have not done.

It is true that they have sent some fine officials like Dr. Von Burgsdorff, the Under-Secretary of State, a kindly, well-meaning man of whom everyone spoke well. Von Neurath, the Protector himself, does not naturally lean to the blood and iron policy, and he is not an intense Nazi. Hence he was given an understudy in Karl Hermann Frank, a high Sudeten Nazi official, who was to have been transferred to Poland but is still in Prague.

Dr. Frank, who is especially hated by the Czechs, is obviously a man of marked executive ability, a determined, ambitious, perhaps fanatical, S.S. leader who would stop at nothing. He assured me, during a long talk I had with him, that every German stood behind the Fuehrer and would die rather than yield to the enemy. He was much astonished when I promptly disagreed with him and told him that I had met many who had no such intention and did not stand behind Hitler. Before I left we had had some interesting exchanges of opinion and he actually thanked me for giving him the unusual experience of hearing the other side.

A New Man Wanted

For Prague's sake it is to be hoped that someone else will soon take his place, but executions and the declaration of martial law are the kind of "medicine" that he or his type would naturally prescribe. It is not at all likely that the policy of ruthlessness will have any better results than it did in Belgium 25 years ago. Whatever the outcome it will have a distinct bearing on the question whether Germany should be allowed to rule over colonies again.

The Germans declared that the "riots" of October 28 were largely inspired by Communists. In that case the new alliance with Stalin certainly would seem to debar the authorities from treating advocacy of the doctrines professed by their country's ally as a major offence.

Beyond doubt, students are the centre of the resistance at present, but no one could have seen that demonstration in Prague and not been convinced that the hostility goes very deep and far. The next day thousands wore their colours to church, but then a curious thing happened. Czech leaders passed the word that it would be well to take them off, and in two hours they had entirely disappeared—interesting proof of the rapidity of communication on a Sunday morning and of the fact that there is a leadership and that it is obeyed.

Strict Measures

The report of President Hacha having been confined to his castle at Luny is not surprising. The Czech puppet Government is a thorn in the side of the Germans, even though they have deprived it of practically all its powers, for it frequently refuses to rubber-stamp the decrees of the Protector. It is then overruled by the Protector, who declares the decree in force under the law which bestowed emergency powers upon the Czech Government in 1935. Those powers the Protector has declared to be now vested in him.

That the Hacha Government will soon be liquidated was the belief held by neutral observers in Prague before the recent events. It has, of course, been deprived of all control of the cultural life of what is left of the nation. The Protector has placed the Press of the country under his thumb and his agents are revising the school text-books, so that the children shall only study Czech history as it is interpreted by the conquerors; 75 per cent. of the Czech histories have been wholly banned.

With my own eyes I saw Blackshirts and Brownshirts patrolling secondary-school grounds, but they have also extended their ministrations to the School corridors, so that the teachers can never be unaware of their menacing presence. Since I was there all the universities and high schools have been closed as part of the punishment of the young Czechs for daring to desire liberty.

The Protectorate controls also the programmes of the State Opera as well as the private and State theatres, in order that no plays may be produced which might "tend to public disorder" by arousing Czech nationalist feeling, and for this reason even the great Slavonic dances of Dvorak are banned.

Jewish Firms Liquidated

Protests against this state of affairs are of no avail. Still, the Czech Government, despite the outwardly pro-German attitude of President Hacha, has had a nuisance value, and its abolition will be bitterly resented whenever it comes.

Cultural matters, however, take second place with the Germans. The all-important thing now, especially since war is on, is to increase their control of the whole Czech industry. All Jewish companies have been liquidated, or are in the final processes of being wound up. All Jewish directors of Czech companies were promptly removed, and their places filled not by Czechs but by Germans. Of course the assets of the Jewish companies have largely gone to the Germans.

Since the Reich, by allocating the foreign exchange necessary for their purchase, controls the import of all raw materials, it obviously has in its hands the power of life and death over any concern depending upon imports, and it can thus eliminate or reorganize any business whose management it does not like. It seems as if, with time, the conquerors could eliminate all Czechs from important concerns as readily as they have the Jews.

The Protectorate has now taken over the former Czech organization for the control of the production and sale of wheat. It is also setting up its own machinery for the control and distribution of dairy produce, meat and sugar.

Food Plentiful

It cannot be said that this is necessitated by conditions within the Protectorate. Food is plentiful and cheap as compared with the Reich, whose citizens are not allowed to enter the Protectorate except for sound business or family reasons. "Otherwise," I was told, "Germans would swarm in here to buy up all this food at the lower prices, to the detriment of the Protectorate and of the food rationing system in the Reich."

The declaration of martial law means that the Hacha Government has lost the last vestige of authority, except that it still controls its little army of 7,000 men. Martial law also increases the hold of the Germans upon the courts. It is naturally a source of great bitterness to the Czechs that Germans can only be called before a German court, and this applies to all cases, political, civil and criminal. Czechs have to appear before these new courts, but the Germans are exempt from having to appear before any Czech tribunal, which recalls the foreign courts in Egypt under the Condominium, and the foreign tribunals in China.

More than that, the Reichprotector reserves to himself the right to interfere in the Czech courts, even in purely Czech cases, and to hold up or set aside the decisions.

The plight of the Jews is as terrible as elsewhere in the Reich. They sit in their homes in absolute idleness, counting the days or months until the last of their means is exhausted, and wondering every time the bell rings whether it does not mean the summons to go to Poland for forced labour, leaving behind their property to be stolen by the Germans. It is impossible to exaggerate the deliberate cruelty of the manner of execution of this deportation edict. The Jews regard it as a death sentence.

Sad Outlook

All in all, the outlook for Prague and the Czechs is of the saddest. Those Czechs, who feel that they must accept the inevitable, and adjust themselves as best they can to foreign subjection for another long interval, are afraid that violence will continue on the German side and opposition on the part of the Czechs until the war is ended.

If the Allies should win, they expect the reconstitution of a small Czech State, though they confess that they find it difficult to see how such a State can exist economically without a hinterland, unless there is to be general European Free Trade. If the Allies should lose the war, these people feel, the Czechs will gradually accept the inevitable. The Germans naturally count on that, but it would not be true to the history of this people in the centuries which have gone.

Hungary's Role as A Neutral

Influences of Russia and Germany; Reliance on the Friendship of Italy

At night Hungarians point to the shimmering lights of Budapest and say to their foreign visitors: "You see, we still have lights! We are neutrals." A proud assertion, but it barely disguises the individual's inner misgivings, writes Rosemary M. Congreve in the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post." For many months Hungarian spirits have fluctuated between fear of German conquest and an alternative dislike of German economic domination. Today the German-Russian Pact has resuscitated the menace of Bolshevism, which for many years had been inactive in Hungary.

Every Hungarian feels the massing, almost on his very doorstep, of ideological and political forces foreign to his beliefs. The lesson of the Polish War has made him treasure his "neutrality," wondering, as he does so, whether its security can prove lasting.

To be neutral is not the half-hearted vocation which some excessively belligerent members of our public assume. Those countries who are not fighting have the responsibility of learning to keep an objective and a dispassionate outlook. Not only is this a stabilizing factor of world value at the present moment, but—in the reconstruction of Europe after the war—the judgments of such countries should play an important part.

Making Good Neighbours

It is this role for which Hungary is fitting herself: nor should one expect more from her. Gone are the days when revision was Hungary's only interest. True some of her claims have already been satisfied, but she is finding that friendly co-operation is the only factor offering any real security. Five years ago her present relationship with Jugoslavia would have been impossible; now there is no reason why this improvement should not be lasting. At the present moment mutual recognition of common interests is even taking place between Hungary and Rumania.

Hungary's activity in foreign politics is necessarily limited by the uncomfortable proximity of Germany and Russia. All she can do is not to lose her head. Her reliance on Italy's friendship, which is of many years' standing, is proving justified. As a result of her geographical position and her size, Italy has the opportunity of reinforcing the passivity and the desire for unity existent in S.E. Europe.

The emergency caused by the approach of Bolshevism is being met by the Government with the same calm with which German demands were previously faced. By coincidence, the Land Reform Bill, which has for long been to the forefront in home politics, has come up for its final stages. Its scope is unfortunately limited by financial and practical considerations at the moment when land reform is likely to be used as a battle-cry by Bolshevik agitators, but the bill will settle land distribution in five years. A sudden and sweeping reform would completely disorganize the economy of the country.

Land reform has been for years the way to Utopia for the bulk of the peasantry. It has been used as a platform plank by many a political party, not least vehemently by the Hungarian Nazis, whose views are subject to German control.

The German Minority Group

The Government, within recent weeks, according to the official communiqué, imprisoned 110 members of the Hungarist party. The popularity of the Nazis is waning. The Russian-German Pact alienated most of the sensible elements of the organization, who felt themselves no longer able to trust German promises. The hotheads who are left are careerists, revolutionaries and loose thinkers, who command no one's respect.

The German minority group, under Dr. Basch, has been giving no trouble for many months. The sudden prospect which the recall of all minorities to the Reich has offered his followers has obviously been both disconcerting and displeasing. We may yet see the disintegration of the party as a consequence.

By preserving an equilibrium in home politics, and by appreciating the moral force of her neutrality, Hungary is playing a useful part in Europe. The only assistance she needs from Britain is to be convinced that the "reconstruction of Europe" is not being left to professors and idealists to devise, but is a workaday policy for which Britain is fighting the war.

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